

Living Your Sample of Love!

From J., after living in Dad's Home:

Dear Dad and Maria,
I WANTED TO SHARE SOME THINGS HERE, which are a direct result of your talks and sample to us. The Letter in the FN about sharing real love reminded me of it. I must say that after you left, we sure did miss you every day, and missed all the sweet and loving things you did to encourage and help each one of us personally—even the least of us, despite all our mistakes and failures!

AFTER YOU LEFT, THERE WAS QUITE A VACUUM TO FILL in our hearts, and it didn't take long to realise that if we still wanted that same sweet spirit around, it was up to each one of us to get closer to the Lord so that we could keep sharing this same love and be a sample of what we'd seen.—Quite a challenge!

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU'D BEEN FAITHFUL TO SHOW US and share with us whenever you saw there was something you knew that you could teach us.

WE BEGAN EVERY NIGHT TO READ YOUR LETTERS TOGETHER after dinner (so we could still have our dinner talks!) and to really talk about them afterwards, so that it was a time of close fellowship with you and each other.

THANK YOU FOR NOT LEAVING US COMFORTLESS, but giving us your love through your Letters. It really helped us all when we read "I Gotta Split" and you showed us that we could get to know you even better and more intimately through

the words that you write to us, because then we can commune with you in the Spirit.

EVEN PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T MET YOU PERSONALLY really do have a window into your heart and home through your Letters and the Davidito series, since you live what you say and say exactly what you mean when you write to us!

IT'S AMAZING TO ME TO READ BOTH OLD AND NEW LETTERS and to see how long ago you said the things we're learning now. We could have seen it before if we'd let the Letters be our real leaders and had been reading, studying and applying them more by faith. Please forgive us all for taking so long to discover and realise that the spirit of unselfish love and concern you live for is the one we're supposed to have too.

I WANT TO THANK YOU, DAD, FOR CONTINUING TO SPEAK FAITH concerning us and for being so encouraging to us about how we could be used.—That's really having the eyes of love, to see the good and possibilities for what no one else (but the Lord sometimes!) can see!

YOU AND MARIA AND THE REST OF YOUR HELPERS WERE ALL SUCH A HELP TO US in the hundreds of little ways you gave to us every day—something which has really given me the vision for how the Lord can use our lives to show His love in countless ways throughout the course of the day's most normal activities.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE INTER-

ESTED TO KNOW THAT THAT'S AFFECTING OUR "SEX LIVES" too! Ha! The more we're all trying to share some of this real considerate love all throughout the day, the more natural it's becoming for us to be open with each other—free, affectionate, loving and sexy!

BEFORE, I CONFESS, I USED TO TRY TO HIDE behind my "work for the Lord" and to protect myself from being exposed and hurt because I felt so afraid and insecure about myself around other people. It's hard to imagine how someone can love you despite all the bad! And usually I didn't like fucking the brothers so much because, though we lived together and made love sometimes, often we still weren't very close as people.

I JUST BECAME VERY DISCOURAGED ABOUT SEX in general because although it felt good, somehow afterwards it seemed like "just a fuck" and I didn't know what was missing! So I tried to avoid the whole scene by just working late and going to bed as quickly as I could. But that sure didn't help matters any, as I just felt miserable for having such a selfish and un-understanding attitude.

THANK GOD FOR LOVING SEX LIKE YOU PRACTISE and talk about in so many Letters! It's something we all need and is another thing altogether! TYJ! I'll never forget the tender love, fun, patience and prayer of each time I spent with you, Dad.

YOU WERE SO PATIENT WITH ME, trying to help me come, you know, I was almost embarrassed. I know it must have been tiring for

you and even a little frustrating, since I didn't even know how to make you happy too without dear Maria's little lesson!

I FELT LIKE YOU GAVE SO MUCH and you made me feel so loved and happy. You were the first man I was ever with who put my happiness even before his own in bed! It really touched me (almost shocked me!) and made me want to open up and change to find out just what this simple love of yours was all about.

YOUR SAMPLE OF "LOVE-MAKING" THROUGHOUT THE DAY and those faith-building dinner talks really inspired me and started to wash away all those fears about being unloveable and worries about getting pregnant or not getting pregnant. Love and the Word like you share really just make you want to love, come what may! I guess you gave us all the special kind of real security I always needed.

IT REALLY HELPED THE WAY YOU EXPLAINED how each child the Lord gives us brings more of His Kingdom to earth and puts it in our hands and to see that the Lord is having His perfect way in the creation of each new life, or in each miscarriage.

ALSO, SOME OF THE GUYS HERE HAVE REALLY TAKEN YOUR ADVICE about praying for us girls while making love so that we can have as heavenly an orgasm as they do (Thy Kingdom come!)—ha! It really works whenever you ask the Lord to show you how to love each other more and better all the time, whether you're working or making love. Thank God for His real, last-

ing, wonderful love—it makes all the difference and can cast out all fear!

THANK YOU SO MUCH, DAD, FOR SHOWING IT TO US, for going ahead before us and showing us the ways to reach each new height.

FROM DAD & MARIA'S Heavenly Home Helpers:

Laundry Tips!

WASH BLUE JEANS INSIDE-OUT, especially new ones, to prevent white lines from showing up. Wash new clothing items, especially blue jeans, separately so the colour doesn't run onto other clothes. If you plan to wash and shrink a pair of new jeans, try adding a pair of faded old jeans to "dye" them "back to denim" as the new jeans give off colour in the wash.

TO REMOVE BLOOD STAINS, wash the garment out immediately in cold, not warm or hot (as it will set the stain) water. Then rub a piece of lemon on the dry garment and dry in the sun (this is for a white or colour-fast item). Then wash as usual, and the stain should be completely gone!

TO REMOVE INK STAINS from ball point pen, spray hair-spray directly on the dry garment, let it dry and wash the ink out.

BEDDING: For young babies who drool, it is important to keep clean, dry sheets on their beds. Babies can contract rashes just from sleeping on soiled, damp sheets. To save on sheets, try putting an absorbent cloth "puddle pad" under baby's head while sleeping, such as a flannel receiving

blanket. Be sure it is big enough to tuck it in securely on both sides so as not to twist or roll over the baby and possibly smother him. Change it twice a day or as necessary to keep it clean and dry under baby's face and head.

AIR CHILDREN'S MATTRESSES AND PILLOWS in the sun and fresh air frequently, especially when being potty-trained. It's nice to occasionally spray the mattress with some sort of disinfectant spray.—You can make your own by following the diluting directions on the bottle of disinfectant and sprinkling the solution on the mattress and airing it out. Of course, always use a mattress pad! If the child's blanket gets pee-pee on it, you can immediately spot wash it and hang it out to dry, unless it is totally dirty and requires a full wash.

TOWELS: The quickest way to ruin a good towel is to throw it in the laundry bin while it is still damp or wet!—Not only will the towel mildew, but it will cause the other laundry to mildew too! Also, always hang up towels singly to dry after use, over a radiator or in the fresh air, if possible.

OCCASIONALLY, WASH A LOAD OF TOWELS IN VERY HOT WATER to give them a good, thorough wash. However, it's not usually necessary to use hot or even warm water for general laundry, unless the items are very dirty.

YOU KNOW WHAT GRAND-

MOTHER USED TO DO? After doing the dishes, she would fill the sink with very, very hot water and wash the dish towels and cloths right there and then hang them up to dry so they would be ready to use for the next meal!

DRYING DISHES WITH A DISH TOWEL CAN BE VERY UNSANITARY if the towels are not kept clean or washed well. Dad usually recommends letting the dishes dry by themselves in the dishrack. If you use hot water, especially for the rinse, the dishes won't take too long to dry.

DON'T USE YOUR NICE DISH TOWELS FOR WIPING UP SPILLS on the counters or floors, as pot-holders, or for any other purpose than what they're meant to be used for—or they'll become heavily stained and smelly, too!

HANGING UP HINT: A time-saver is to hang on the clothesline in a row the same type of items of washing, such as all the dish towels together, all the socks together, etc. That way, when you're removing and folding things, your sorting job is half done!

CARE OF KIDS' CLOTHES

by Beraja; teacher in Italy

CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER WEAR ANYTHING THAT HAS HOLES IN IT! I ask our children to bring and show me any of their clothes that need repair, or the button that just fell off, etc.—and they do!—Because they know I don't like them to wear damaged clothes. So now they get concerned

about their appearance. **CLOTHES SHOULD NEVER BE FULL OF WRINKLES**, but ironed if needed. Many times hanging up clothes just after they've dried prevents having to iron them.

WHEN A NICE ITEM OF CLOTHING GETS STAINED by accident and there is no way to remove the stain, we dye it another colour (a package of dye is very inexpensive) instead of throwing the clothing away.

I REALLY LIKE THE LITTLE INITIAL TAGS you can buy in the sewing department of almost any big store. They are made in strips, which you can cut out and sew on the inside of each piece of clothing. Mothers may prefer to sew their own initial on their children's clothing, so they can be passed down within the same family or returned to the mother.

WHEN A CHILD TEARS A HOLE in the knee of his long pants, you can either sew a nice little patch on each knee or use matching iron-on patches and turn them into play pants. You can also cut them off to make summer shorts. The same goes for long-sleeved shirts.

I BELIEVE CHILDREN CAN LEARN TO BE CLEAN, orderly, and tidy by the way we dress them and keep their surroundings. So, I believe it's very important to take good care of our children's clothing, and the Lord will bless us with what they need! You may not be able to afford new clothes, but you can't afford not to keep 'em clean, ironed & in good repair so the kids will be a good sample!

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