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Words to Live by – from Catholic Tradition

*Let Us Serve God Out of Love for Him,
Not Motivated by a Reward for Ourselves!*

God is more pleased by one work, however small, done secretly, without desire that it be known, than a thousand done with the desire that people know of them. Those who work for God with purest love not only care nothing about whether others see their works, but do not even seek that God Himself know of them. Such persons would not cease to render God the same services, with the same joy and purity of love, even if God were never to know of these.

St. John of the Cross, *Saying of Light and Love*, #20 (emphasis added).



Mary's School of Sanctity

Lesson #34 About the Temperaments – An Introduction

There are many things one can say about the subject of temperaments. In the next series of lessons, we will be investigating this topic. We will set about probing the following questions:

1. What is the definition of temperament?
2. What is the definition of character?
3. What is the definition of personality?
4. Why do we bother learning about temperaments?

- a. Because we can know ourselves better by knowing our own temperament.
 - b. Because the knowledge of temperaments can help us understand others better and, thus, improve our relationships with other people.
5. Can knowing one's own temperament help a person with the work he must do for his salvation?
 - a. Yes, because one can see the typical strengths and weaknesses of his temperament and thus, he can see how to foster the strengths of his temperament in order to overcome his weaknesses.
 - b. Yes, because a person's temperament will incline him to view spirituality in a particular way.
6. Can understanding the temperaments help parents and others in positions of authority guide those in their care?
 - a. Yes, understanding the temperaments can help superiors see the best way to deal with those in their care.
 - b. Yes, superiors can teach those in their care about the temperaments and help them to understand how to use strengths to overcome weaknesses.
7. Can understanding the temperaments help spouses live more harmoniously together?
 - a. Yes, the couple can get along better by knowing how the particular temperaments interact with each other.
 - b. Yes, the couple can also strategize better in the raising of their children by observing and studying the temperaments of their children.
8. Can understanding the temperaments help a young adult find a more compatible spouse?
 - a. Yes, because the young adult will be able to find out what temperament might best suit his/her own.
 - b. Yes, knowing the temperaments will help the young adult see how crucial it is to find a compatible spouse and one who is working with the strengths of his/her temperament to overcome the weaknesses of that temperament.

Getting started – 1) What is the definition of temperament?

We learn in our catechism that man is composed of body and soul. The body is made of matter and the soul is spiritual. Each human souls are created like every other one, although each soul is a separate creation of God. At conception, when the parts of matter are united, God creates the soul which informs that particular matter. Therefore, souls are individualized by the matter in which they are placed. Each person has a separate soul in separate matter.

With this information in mind, we can begin our investigation of the matter which distinguishes persons¹ and determines a person's temperament. This matter is genetic and so our temperaments are derived from the genetic code which we inherit from our parents. Each temperament has a typical set of traits.

The word temperament comes from the Latin word *temperamentum*, meaning “a mixing in due proportion” and this word in turn comes from the Latin word *temperare*, meaning “to combine or mingle in due proportion.” **Temperament** refers to “the peculiar physical and mental character of an individual, as the *sanguine, phlegmatic, choleric (or bilious),* or *melancholic temperament*, denoted types formerly believed to be due the preponderance of one or the other of these humors; Frame of mind or type of mental reactions characteristic of an individual”.²

The **humors** referred to here are “In old physiology, a fluid or juice, especially one of the four fluids—blood, phlegm, choler (yellow bile), and melancholy (black bile)—conceived as disposition or state of mind; mood.”³

Hence, it is with reference to these four bodily humors that there springs the idea of the four basic temperaments listed below:

Sanguine –very generous, giving all [characterized by having an abundant circulation of blood; warm; ardent; disposed to be hopeful; anticipating the best.

Melancholic [melas-anos, black + chole, gall, bile] a thick, dark, acrid bile formerly imagined to be a secretion of the kidneys or spleen, and the cause of

¹ St. Thomas defines a person as an individual substance of an intellectual nature. Therefore, only humans and angels can properly be called persons. The Divine Persons have a different definition unique to the Essence of the Trinity, and these Persons are not being discussed here.

² This definition is taken from the *Merriam-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, copyright 1949.

³ All four of these definitions are taken from the *Merriam-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, copyright 1949.

gloominess, irascibility, or mental dejection, later, extreme depression of spirits, painful delusions, or brooding [Sadness].

Choleric [characterized by choler or bile] hot-tempered, easily angered or irritated, also angry.

Phlegmatic [one of the four “humors” of early physiology.] It was supposed to be cold and moist, and to cause sluggishness. Sluggishness of temperament; apathy; calmness, equanimity.⁴

There are various schools of thought of how these humors actually influence our bodies and determine what temperament we each have. Nevertheless, these humors can be thought of as follows:

Fourfold classification seems fairly to represent certain markedly contrasted types of disposition, though they leave room for subdivision and intermediate forms. Moreover, though scientists are still far from being agreed as to the precise elements in the organism on which the temperament depends, the fact that different forms of temperament have an organic basis seems certain. The transmission from parent to offspring of hereditary dispositions, therefore, involves no conflict with the doctrine of the creation of each human soul.⁵

2) What is the definition of character?

The Catholic Encyclopedia discusses *character* as follows:

Although our original temperament is thus given to us independently of our will, we ourselves play an important part in the molding of our **character**, and we thus become responsible for certain ethical qualities in it. Character has been defined as “a completely fashioned will.” It would be more accurate to say that character is “natural temperament completely fashioned by our will.” It is in fact, a resultant of the combination of our acquired habits with our original disposition [temperament]

Among the acquired elements to which the building up of character may be distinguished are those pertaining to cognition, whether sensuous or intellectual, and those belonging to the emotional and volitional activities of the soul. Exercise strengthens the power and widens the range of each faculty, creating, not uncommonly, a craving for further exercise in the same direction. The regular use

⁴ These definitions are taken from the *Merriam-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, copyright 1949.

⁵ Taken from the Catholic Encyclopedia, 1913 edition, under the article entitled *Character*.

of the intellect, the reflection, contributes to the formation of habits of mind more or less thoughtful and refined. The frequent indulgence in particular forms of emotion, such as anger, envy, sympathy, melancholy, fear, and the like fosters tendencies towards these sentiments which give a subconscious bent to a large part of man's behavior. But finally, the exercise of the will plays the predominant part in molding the type of character which is being formed. The manner and degree in which currents of thought and waves of emotion are initiated, guided, and controlled by the will, or allowed to follow the course of spontaneous impulse, has not less effect in determining the resultant type of character than the quality of the thoughts or emotions themselves. The life of the lower animal is entirely ruled by instinct within, and by accidental circumstances from without. It is therefore incapable of acquiring a character. Man, through the awakening of reason and the growth of reflection, by the exercise of deliberate choice against the movements of impulse, gradually develops self-control; and it is by the exercise of this power that moral character is especially formed. Character is in fact the outcome of a series of volitions, and it is for this reason we are responsible for our characters, as we are for the individual habits which go to constitute them [*viz.*, characters].⁶

3) What is the definition of personality?

Personality is: 1) Quality or state of being personal, or of being a person; personal existence or identity. 2) Quality of referring directly to an individual. 3) Distinction or excellence of personal and social traits.⁷

Personality also applies to the aggregate of qualities which distinguish an individual, but the term differs from character in that it implies his [the individual's] being distinguished as a person rather than as a moral being. In general, personality may be said to be revealed in unconscious as well as in conscious acts or movements, in physical and emotional as well as in mental and moral behavior, and especially, in a person's relations to others; thus, one may know very little about the character of an acquaintance, yet have a very definite idea of his personality. Therefore, personality is qualified as not as good, bad, or the like, but by an adjective implying the extent to which it pleases, displeases, or

⁶ Taken from the Catholic Encyclopedia, 1913 edition, from the article entitled *Character*, (bold added for emphasis; bracketed words added for clarity).

⁷ These definitions are taken from the *Merriam-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* copyright 1949.

otherwise impresses the observer. ...Hence, personality often distinctively means personal magnetism or charm.⁸

Now that we have made the necessary distinctions concerning these three words, that is, **temperament**, **character**, and **personality**, let us briefly consider our 4th question from above.

4) Why do we bother learning about temperaments?

- a) Because we can know ourselves better by knowing our own temperament.
- b) Because the knowledge of temperaments can help us understand others better and thus improve our relationships with our neighbors.

With our fallen human nature, we are not inclined to want to know ourselves better. We have a kind of fear to see our defects, but self-knowledge has been spoken of by the saints repeatedly as being a very crucial part of our salvation and sanctification. Acquiring self-knowledge is worth all the efforts one can make—especially because it helps us obtain humility. Self-knowledge of the inclinations found in our temperament **and** knowledge of the tendencies of other people help us to avoid misjudging others. In addition to this favorable result, we can make more allowances for others and also be more forgiving of others.

So, let's set about getting to know ourselves.

We have given the classes or types of temperaments that are most commonly spoken of. Of course, there have been many who have studied the temperaments and have tried to classify them into more subdivisions with different names. Each of us has a primary temperament and a secondary one. In other words, we are usually a combination of two temperaments with one of them being predominant in us and the other one a clear second. What percentage is our predominant temperament? We will need to study all four temperaments in order to discover our combination.

In upcoming Lessons concerning *temperaments*:

We will be discussing each of the four historically accepted temperaments incorporating the list of queries noted above. We will likewise endeavor to give the spiritual difficulties that each temperament has as well as its positive spiritual traits. We will discuss the typical combinations found of the four types of temperaments. In this way we can

⁸ This quote is taken from *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms* copyright 1951, found under *disposition*.

improve our interactions with others, discover our own temperament if we do not already know it, and assist ourselves in our life's work, namely, the salvation of our souls. After treating each of the four temperaments we will supply a couple of comparative charts so all the temperaments can be viewed side by side for analysis and a better understanding of how they interact.



To Reach Heaven Should Be Our Life's Main Work

If you think it is too hard to get to Heaven, then **think again!** As children, we were taught that we have to earn Heaven. We earn Heaven by loving and serving God as well as by avoiding sin. If we slip up and commit sin, God in His goodness and mercy has established the Sacrament of Penance. The sin is forgiven, but in God's justice, there is temporal punishment still due for the sin. This debt of punishment must be paid before a person can enter Heaven, and this can be accomplished, in part, through prayers that grant indulgences.

What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is an extra-sacramental remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which remission is granted by the Church in the exercise of the power of the keys, through the supplication of the superabundant merits of Christ and of the saints, and for some just and reasonable motive.⁹

A partial indulgence commutes only a certain portion of the penalty; and this portion is determined in accordance with the penitential discipline of the early Church.

To say that an indulgence of so many days or years is granted means that it cancels an amount of purgatorial punishment equivalent to that which would have been remitted, in the sight of God, by the performance of so many days or years of the ancient canonical penance. Here, evidently, the reckoning makes no claim to absolute exactness; it has only a relative value. God alone knows what penalty remains to be paid and what its precise amount is in severity and duration.

⁹ *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. 7, article title: *Indulgences*, The Gilmary Society, New York, 1910, p. 783.

Finally, some indulgences are granted on behalf of the living only, while others may be applied on behalf of the souls departed. It should be noted, however, that the application has not the same significance in both cases. The Church, in granting an indulgence to the living, exercises her jurisdiction; over the dead she has no jurisdiction and therefore makes the indulgence available for them by way of suffrage (*per modum suffragii*), *i.e.*, she petitions God to accept these works of satisfaction, and in consideration thereof to mitigate or shorten the sufferings of the souls in Purgatory.¹⁰

Following is the remarkable prayer that Pope Eugenius III, at the earnest request of St. Bernard, has granted three thousand years (!) indulgence to all who with a contrite heart, recite the Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary 3 times, in honor of the Wound of the Shoulder of Our Blessed Redeemer.

The Prayer

O Loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder, on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy Flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other Wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen.¹¹

If this prayer was said each day for years, your time in Purgatory would be considerably shortened, due to the mercy and goodness of our Creator.

There are many other prayers that have indulgences attached that would help even further – especially those with a Plenary Indulgence. A Plenary Indulgence is one that obtains a complete remission of all temporal punishment due for sins. Since we need all the help we can get to save our souls, this is an extraordinary mercy that God offers us. However, to obtain a plenary indulgence, we usually must pray for the intentions of the pope. One might ask how we can do that, without compromise, when the pope has many bad intentions? For example, Pope Francis uses his monthly prayer intentions to

¹⁰ Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 7, article title: *What an Indulgence is*, The Gilmary Society, New York, 1910, p. 783-4.

¹¹ Published by *Our Lady of the Rosary Library*, 4016 Preston Hwy, Louisville, KY, 40213, *Imprimatur*: Thomas D. Beven, Bishop of Springfield, Ma.

promote his politically-correct climate alarmism, which is a basis for his promotion of a one-world government to regulate the ecology of the world and of the oceans in particular.

However, despite Pope Francis's own bad intentions, there are always some good intentions which are automatically included in the intentions of the pope. God wants us to pray for these Traditional Catholic intentions of the pope, but of course, not pray for any evil intentions. Thus, it would be a good thing for you to make your intent explicit – for yourself and for others – by stating that you are praying for the Traditional intentions of the pope, thereby reminding yourself and others that you reject his evil and radical intentions. The Traditional intentions of the pope are these six:

1. The Exaltation of the Church;
2. The Propagation of the Faith;
3. The Extirpation of Heresy;
4. The Conversion of Sinners;
5. The Concord between Christian Princes; and
6. The Further Welfare of the Christian People.

Another condition of gaining the plenary indulgence is going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion. That, of course, is a proviso that all of us have fulfilled for years (never dreaming that there might come a time when this was not possible). How then can we gain a plenary indulgence without access to uncompromising priests and Sacraments? Should uncompromising Traditional Catholics even “bother” praying for the Traditional intentions of the pope to obtain a plenary indulgence, when, in our times of Great Apostasy, there is little or no opportunity to fulfill the other usual conditions, *viz.*, going to confession and receiving Holy Communion?

The answer is "yes"!

God understands that we cannot do the impossible, nor does He expect us to. He does not expect, nor want us to, receive the sacraments or go to Mass when it is not available without compromise. Compromise Masses and Sacraments don't help us and they offend God.

One way that God is able to provide for us is to give us a plenary indulgence when we piously and diligently fulfill the conditions as closely as we can. God can treat this as if it were literal compliance with the usual conditions obtaining a plenary indulgence. Thus:

- When confession is not available without compromise, then God expects us to make an Act of Contrition as perfectly as we can.

- When we cannot receive Holy Communion without compromise, He expects us to make as fervent a Spiritual Communion as we can.

Let us have a strong heart and complete confidence in God! Let us always be sure that God is providing perfectly for us.

Let us continue to fulfill the conditions for obtaining plenary indulgences to the extent that we are able, knowing that God provides for us.



Marriage and Purity – Beautiful Creations of God, Are under Satanic Attack

Marriage is under Attack

In past articles, *Catholic Candle* has shown how Satan, Marx, and the feminists are anti-marriage and anti-family.¹² These evil forces even admit their hostility to marriage and family.¹³ There are many reasons for their hostility. For example, they hate marriage and the family because they hate the Natural Law.¹⁴

Another reason Marxists and feminists seek to destroy marriage and the family, is because this destruction results in discontented and angry “apostles” for the leftist causes. The Marxists and feminists can get those “apostles” to protest, to march in the street, and in other ways be useful tools of the ongoing cultural and political revolution.¹⁵

¹² <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/08/26/the-feminist-program-is-the-same-as-that-of-satan-and-marx-part-vii/>

¹³ Read these articles:

❖ <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/12/18/how-to-fight-feminism-part-ii/> &

❖ <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/08/26/the-feminist-program-is-the-same-as-that-of-satan-and-marx-part-vii/>

¹⁴ <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/08/26/the-feminist-program-is-the-same-as-that-of-satan-and-marx-part-vii/>

¹⁵ <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/08/26/the-feminist-program-is-the-same-as-that-of-satan-and-marx-part-vii/>

By contrast, spouses who are living the life that God and Nature intended them to lead, and who are raising stable families, are too contented with their lives and too busy with their important life's work to spend a lot of time at rallies and "community organizing", etc.

A third reason that the Marxists and feminist leaders attack marriage and the family, is that married voters – especially those with children – are more likely to vote Republican.¹⁶ This is true both of men and women, including all minority voters.¹⁷ These voters, including blacks, incline toward the standard Republican agenda, such as wanting greater police presence in their neighborhoods.¹⁸ In fact, one of the best predictors of what political party a person will vote for, is whether he/she is married.¹⁹

In God's wonderful Providence, marriage and raising children are incredibly helpful for instilling self-sacrifice and conservatism in parents. Motivated by their natural love for their children, parents are moved to willingly sacrifice themselves in countless ways for their children.

For example, they are motivated by love for their children to avoid bad language and scandalous deeds (which those parents might otherwise commit) for fear that their children would witness the sin or learn about it later. In a marvelous way, marriage and children make adults more serious and responsible. Based on our decades of seeing this happen in parents, we think it is clear that there would be far fewer laymen in heaven were it not for this wholesome and strong effect that marriage and children have on the spouses' characters.

It is no wonder that, under the Natural Law, marriage is the "universal" vocation because it not only prepares the next generation for adulthood, but also is a spectacular school of virtue and character development for the parents as well. Perhaps this help to the virtue

¹⁶ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/researcher-finds-married-americans-more-likely-to-vote-republican>

¹⁷ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/researcher-finds-married-americans-more-likely-to-vote-republican>

¹⁸ See, e.g., *Black Americans Want Police to Retain Local Presence*, the Gallup Poll dated August 5, 2020, in which the majority of blacks said they wanted a greater police presence in their neighborhoods, not a smaller one. Of course, this does not fit with the leftist agenda so it is not mentioned by the mainstream media. This poll can be found here: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/316571/black-americans-police-retain-local-presence.aspx>

¹⁹ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/researcher-finds-married-americans-more-likely-to-vote-republican> & <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/married-americans-keep-voting-red/>

of the parents is the greatest blessing of marriage and greater even than the good they do for their children!

Obviously, these truths (above) certainly do not mean that all parents are *straight-to-heaven* saints. Far from it! But there is a general improvement of the souls of the parents in most cases. Sometimes this improvement is very great. Regardless, marriage is a great blessing from God for time and for eternity – and the Marxists and feminists hate it and attack marriage as “patriarchal”.

For example, feminist leader, Germaine Greer, asserted that, after they achieve their goal of destroying the enemy (which she identifies as the “patriarchal family”), the state will wither away into a Marxist paradise. Here are her words:

Women's liberation, if it abolishes the patriarchal family, will abolish a necessary substructure of the authoritarian state, and once that withers away Marx will have come true willy-nilly, so let's get on with it.²⁰

This Marxist and feminist hatred for marriage has resulted in their very longstanding and effective attack on marriage. One of the *Catholic Candle* team has taken a daily commuter train for more than 35 years. One sign that he has noticed of the effective attack on marriage, is the plummeting number of persons wearing wedding rings. In the 1990s, among the women whom he saw on the train during this daily commute, roughly 3 in 4 of them wore wedding rings. Now, roughly 1 in 15 wears one – roughly a 90% decrease in wedding rings!

Purity is under Attack

The holy and beautiful Virtue of Purity goes “*hand-in-hand*” with marriage. So, Satan, the Marxists, and the feminists not only hate marriage and but also hate purity.²¹ This is

²⁰ Quoted from: <https://www.thoughtco.com/germaine-greer-quotes-3530088>

²¹ Two of the Communist's 45 Goals which have been thoroughly fulfilled, are:

25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as “normal, natural, and healthy.”

These two goals are among the 45 communist goals which are published in:

- The 1963 Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35, *Current Communist Goals*, Extension of Remarks of Hon. A. S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963; and
- *The Naked Communist*, p. 261, a 1962 book by a former FBI agent and communism expert, W. Cleon Skousen, based on the best sources and best FBI intelligence during its investigation of communist infiltration into the United States. President Ronald Reagan

obvious to anyone who takes the briefest look at modern society. We see that the enemies of Our Lord have succeeded amazingly well in their attacks on purity (as well as everything else which is True and Good).

- We see the promiscuous attire most women wear.²²
- We see the most putrid “entertainment” all around society which constantly promotes lust even more than all of the other deadly sins.
- We see the foulest impure language is commonplace in society.²³

It is amazing how fully impurity has forced its way into every corner of society!

The feminists brand their enemies as “patriarchal” and so, they attack both marriage and purity as “patriarchal”.

Thus, the feminist (and Marxist) mouthpiece, *Planned Parenthood*, has been attacking virginity as “patriarchal”. Here are Planned Parenthood’s words in one such attack:

The idea of virginity comes from outdated – let’s be real, patriarchal – ways of thinking that hurts [sic] everyone.²⁴

praised Skousen, saying: “No one is better qualified to discuss the threat to this nation from communism.”

Seeing every country’s seemingly total subversion – including through impurity – reminds us that Our Lady foretold that “**every country, without exception, will be overcome by Communism**”. *Our Lady of Fatima*, by William Thomas Walsh, Doubleday, © 1954, p.229 (emphasis added).

²² For an analysis of the Catholic standard of modesty, read these articles:

- ❖ *Women should Wear Dresses and Skirts, Not Pants:* <https://catholiccandle.org/2024/03/21/women-should-wear-dresses-and-skirts-not-pants-2/>
- ❖ *Mary-like Neckline Modesty:* <https://catholiccandle.org/2023/05/21/marylike-neckline-modesty/>

²³ Read about the crucial importance of pure and upright speech here: <https://catholiccandle.neocities.org/faith/sins-caused-by-obscene-speech>

²⁴ Here is where you can read Planned Parenthood’s words on its twitter feed: Planned Parenthood (@PPFA): <https://twitter.com/PPFA/status/1674462837425446912>

Further, Planned Parenthood tweeted a picture of one of its billboards (shown below):



Planned Parenthood (@PPFA) published this picture of its billboard at this link: <https://twitter.com/PPFA/status/1674462837425446912https://t.co/QYmNbEZzbw>

Let us reflect on what Planned Parenthood is saying in this billboard.

A *social construct* is defined as:

A complex concept or practice shared by a society or group, ***not arising from any natural or innate source but built on the assumptions*** upheld, usually tacitly, by its members.²⁵

We see that feminist/leftist Planned Parenthood is promoting the idea that there is no good ***reason*** why a woman or girl should not be promiscuous. This is the feminist and Marxist position that refraining from a dissolute and wanton life of impurity is merely based on ***assumptions*** arising from ***patriarchy*** (which the feminists hold to be always evil).²⁶

²⁵ <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/social-construct> (emphasis added).

²⁶ Read this article about the feminists' attack on patriarchy: <https://catholiccandle.org/2022/12/18/how-to-fight-feminism-part-ii/>

The devil and his minions know that sins of the flesh are fallen man's greatest weakness. He falls easily into these sins and they "rot" his soul. This is why Our Lady stated at Fatima that more people go to hell because of sins of the flesh than any other kind of sin.

With impurity everywhere and with mankind so thoroughly imbued with moral decay, society becomes completely unable to resist the ongoing leftist revolution – just as a tree would be unable to resist the force of the wind after that tree has become thoroughly rotten to its core.

These are the conditions of the exceedingly degraded world we live in. But God has allowed this demonic filth and it is part of the prelude to the coming of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady prophesied at Quito, Ecuador, that she will completely triumph. However, she added that her triumph will only occur when all seems *hopeless*. Here are her words:

When *everything will seem lost and paralyzed*, that will be the happy beginning of the complete Restoration. This will mark the arrival of My hour, when I, in a marvelous way, will dethrone the proud and cursed Satan, trampling him under My feet and chaining him in the infernal abyss.²⁷

We seem to be approaching that time "when everything will seem lost and paralyzed", when Our Lady's Immaculate Heart will then triumph. Of course, we don't know exactly when this will occur but let us pray for this triumph.

Meanwhile, even Our Lord's enemies can unintentionally work our Good and our Salvation *if we respond to their evils in the way which God intends us to respond*. Everything, including these traps and assaults of the Devil, "work together unto the good, for those who love God". *Romans*, 8:28.

Let us firmly avoid unnecessary occasions of sin, particularly of impurity, and let us fight strongly against those occasions of the sin of impurity which we cannot avoid. This fight is necessary for holiness and for our friendship with God. Let us remember that:

Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation: and **to keep one's self unspotted from this world**.

St. James, 1:27 (emphasis added).

With strong hearts, let us fight for Christ the King and against His enemies!

²⁷ Words of Our Lady of Quito, Ecuador, in 1634, to Mother Marianna de Jesus.



Catholic Candle note: This is a companion article to *Catholic Candle's* article on the role and glory of womanhood. This article is available here:
<https://catholiccandle.org/2019/12/02/the-role-and-work-that-god-gave-to-woman/>

The article below can also be viewed as a companion article to the ones concerning the leftist attack on motherhood. You can read these articles here:
<https://catholiccandle.org/2022/08/26/the-feminist-program-is-the-same-as-that-of-satan-and-marx-part-vii/>

Leftist Destruction of Fatherhood in Families Causes Sons to Be “Dad-Deprived” Failures

The leftist revolution is focused on destroying fatherhood. One of the key reasons Marxists and feminists want to destroy the family is in order to destroy paternity and paternal authority. No matter what else the leftists do, their revolution would fail if society were full of strong fathers fulfilling their duties of state.

The Marxists and feminists follow their founder and leader, Satan, attacking paternity because they hate God, Who is the Creator and Model of all fatherhood and “from Whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth receives its name”. *Ephesians*, 3:14-15.

Also, paternity is part of the Natural Law. The feminists and Marxists hate paternity because they hate the Natural Law.²⁸

²⁸ The Natural Law is what we know we must do, say, and think, by the light of the natural reason God gave us. One example of the Natural Law is that we must never tell a lie. We naturally know this because we know that the purpose of speech is to convey the truth and so we naturally know that telling a lie is abusing the purpose of speech.

Here is how St. Thomas explains what the Natural Law is:

[L]aw, being a rule and measure, can be in a person in two ways: in one way, as in him that rules and measures; in another way, as in that which is ruled and measured, since a thing is ruled and measured, in so far as it partakes of the rule or measure. Wherefore, since all things subject to Divine providence are ruled and measured by the eternal law, as was stated above [in *Summa*, Ia IIae, Q.91, a.1]; it is evident that all things partake somewhat of the eternal law, in so far as, namely, from its being imprinted on them, they derive their respective inclinations to their proper acts and ends. Now among all others, the rational creature is subject to Divine providence in the most excellent way, in so far as

Further, in order to enhance the power of the government (which is increasingly controlled by them), the enemies of Our Lord Jesus Christ want to destroy the basic “building block” of society (*viz.*, the family) and substitute the individual in its place. If society were founded on the individual instead of the family, then there would be no familial society to nurture the children and to be a haven of security and assistance for the members of the family. This arrangement is like the one in communist countries, where they have “free” state-sponsored “child care” to minimize the influence of parents and families and to increase the role and influence of the state.

Under this arrangement, everyone who needs help of any type (especially the children) would have to depend on the government. Along with destroying the family, the leftists also subvert, weaken, or destroy other non-governmental institutions such as the Human Element of the Church and non-government schools). So, this *on-going*, leftists’ attack is made against the family and, secondarily, against other *non-government* institutions, in order to break down society’s mutual bonds and to make everyone depend more on the government, giving the government the power to increasingly control everything.

This attack on patriarchy and the family has been Satan’s plan for centuries but is succeeding much more fully now. We see this plan sometimes stated openly. For example, Cambacérés, the French revolutionary²⁹ and legislator, declared that:

Paternal power no longer exists. A man should not have direct power over another, even if it be his own child.³⁰

This plan of Satan and his servants then, is that without fatherhood, only the government would have power over people.

it partakes of a share of providence, by being provident both for itself and for others. Wherefore it has a share of the Eternal Reason, whereby it has a natural inclination to its proper act and end: and this participation of the eternal law in the rational creature is called the natural law. Hence the Psalmist after saying (Psalm 4:6): "Offer up the sacrifice of justice," as though someone asked what the works of justice are, adds: "Many say, Who showeth us good things?" in answer to which question he says: "The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us": thus implying that the light of natural reason, whereby we discern what is good and what is evil, which is the function of the natural law, is nothing else than an imprint on us of the Divine light. It is therefore evident that the natural law is nothing else than the rational creature's participation in the eternal law.

Summa, Ia IIae, Q.91, a.2, *respondeo*.

²⁹ <https://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/history/bios/france/cambaceres-jean-jacques-regis-de>

³⁰ Quote from: https://www.traditioninaction.org/Cultural/B002cpFathers_deLassus.htm

Similarly, the French socialist, Benoît Malon, attacked fatherhood in these words:

What must happen is to completely abolish the authority of the father and his almost royal power in the family. In effect, equality only will be perfect if this is achieved. Aren't the children of as great a value as the parents? By what right do the latter command the former? ***Enough of obedience! Enough of inequality!***³¹

It is obvious under whose banner Benoît Malon (and the other enemies of Our Lord) are marching when they declare: "Enough of obedience!" This declaration is another way of voicing their leader's battle cry: "*Non serviam!*"

Benoît Malon and the other leftists have learned from Satan to also echo his words: "Enough of inequality!" This malicious temptation comes from the original one who sewed discontent, who told Eve that God was trying to keep her from becoming equal with Him:

For God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened: and you shall be as gods.

Genesis, 3:5.

In fact, inequality is crucial to the proper order in everything. Here is St. Thomas Aquinas' explanation of this fundamental truth:

It must be said that as the wisdom of God is the cause of the distinction of things, so the same wisdom is the cause of their inequality.³²

So, to the extent that the leftists destroy fatherhood in society, they destroy the family and the children, especially the sons. One way the boys are destroyed is by not learning discipline and manly virtue from their father.

Dad-Deprived Boys Are More Likely to Become Criminals.

Not only do the leftists successfully destabilize society by destroying the family, but they are also destabilizing society through the young criminals who are turned loose on society after growing up in dysfunctional families.

³¹ Quoting Malon from his book *Le Socialisme Intégral*, as quoted in *The Authority of the Father*, by Msgr. Henri Delassus, found here: https://www.traditioninaction.org/Cultural/B002cpFathers_deLassus.htm (emphasis added).

³² *Summa, Ia, Q.47, a.2 respondeo* (emphasis added).

Marxist revolutionaries know that marauding criminals destroy society's peace and stability. That is why one of the first things such revolutionaries do (when they are beginning to gain control) is to open the prisons and free the criminals.³³

One of the crucial harms resulting from the destruction of the family as an institution, is that boys are Dad-deprived. The number of boys growing up without their fathers has almost doubled since 1960 (from 17% to 32%).³⁴

Those boys who don't live with their fathers are about 50% more likely to be arrested by age 19 and more than twice as likely to be arrested by age 34.³⁵

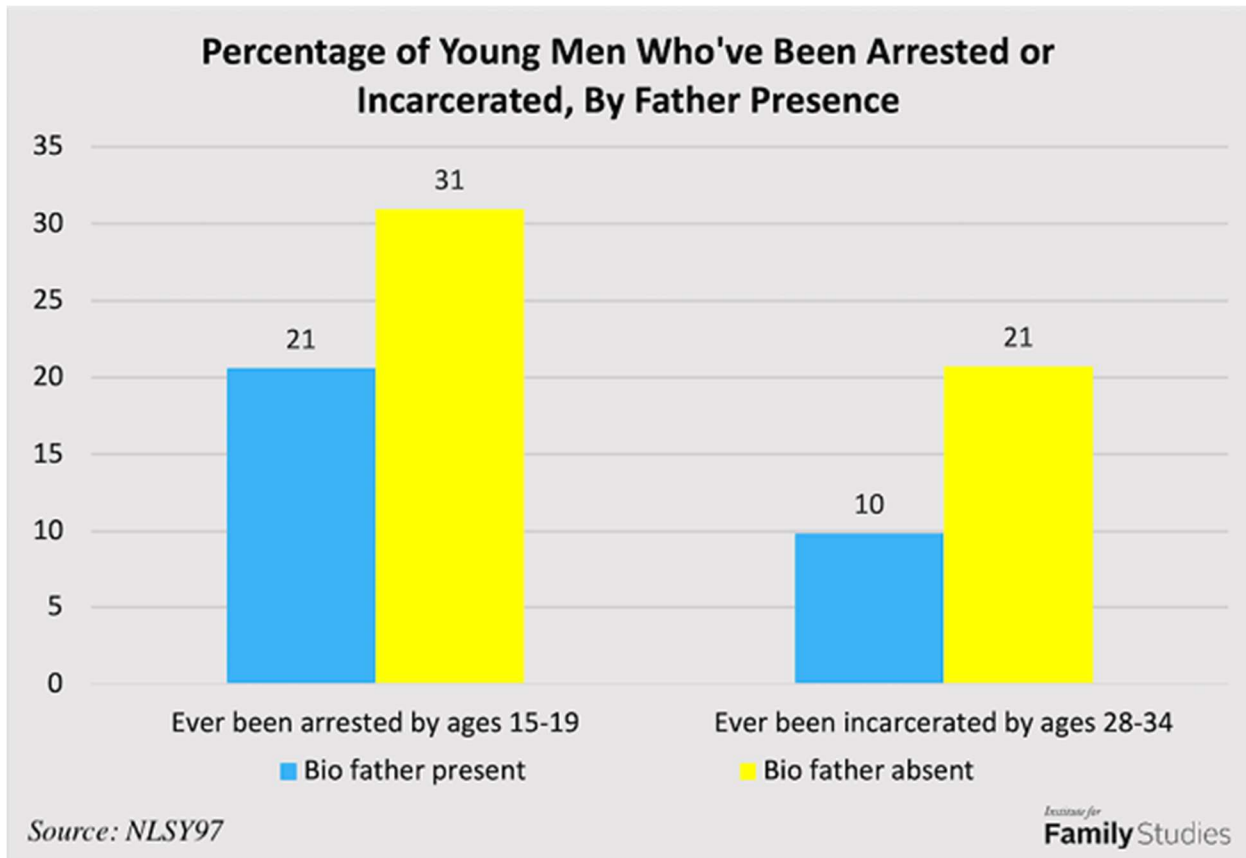
³³ In his warning about the ongoing Marxist takeover of the U.S., KGB defector Yuri Bezmenov taught that the Marxists have four phases to their takeover of a nation (in this case, the U.S.):

- The first phase is called *demoralization* (*that is the translation of the Russian word*). It involves the ideological brainwashing of an entire generation of people. This includes moral corruption. Bezmenov holds (correctly, we think), that this phase is sufficiently accomplished (although in the U.S., conditions continue to worsen).
- The second phase is called *destabilization* (*again, that is the translation of a Russian word*). It consists of stirring up severe societal problems in the target country to create a crisis. We are now in this stage.
- The third state is the *crisis* (*likewise, that is the translation of a Russian word*). Bezmenov explains that this is a short period in which society experiences a sudden emergency which the Marxists take advantage of, to either seize full control of the country by force or they are invited (as a "savior") to exercise control of the country because the people are so desperate for peace and stability and to end the great crisis.
- The fourth stage is called *normalization* (*that is the translation of a Russian word*). This is where Marxists "stabilize" the nation, under their control. This stabilization results from the iron fist of the totalitarian regime having full control of society causing everything to be quiet. China has been "stable" like this for most of the last decades.

The above summary of Bezmenov's presentation of this Marxist plan can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQPsKvG6WMI>

³⁴ <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/life-without-father-less-college-less-work-and-more-prison-for-young-men-growing-up-without-their-biological-father/>

³⁵ These statistics and the graph are found here: <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/life-without-father-less-college-less-work-and-more-prison-for-young-men-growing-up-without-their-biological-father/>



This connection (*viz.*, between the father being present in the family home and the decreased likelihood of the sons going to prison) remains strong and statistically significant even after accounting for family income, race, maternal education, and age.³⁶

It is striking that the most common aspect of a mass-shooter's profile (besides that he is male) is that he was dad-deprived – *i.e.*, he lacked a father figure in his life.³⁷

³⁶ <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/life-without-father-less-college-less-work-and-more-prison-for-young-men-growing-up-without-their-biological-father/>

³⁷ https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_morningbrief/most-mass-shooters-dad-deprived-males-author-warren-farrell_3786721.html

Another key factor in mass-shootings is that so many of these mass-shooters are on “attitude adjusters”, *i.e.*, psychotropic drugs for their “psychological problems”. *See, e.g.* these analyses here:

- <https://www.midwesterndoctor.com/p/the-decades-of-evidence-that-antidepressants>

To take just three infamous examples:

- ❖ Stephen Paddock, who killed 58 in a mass shooting in Las Vegas in 2017, had a father who was imprisoned and had little contact with his son.
- ❖ Adam Lanza, (Newtown, Connecticut in 2012), who murdered 26 people, did not often see his father, who was divorced from his mother.³⁸
- ❖ Patrick Wood Crusius (El Paso Walmart on August 3, 2019) who murdered 23 people, had a father who was divorced from his mother when he was three years old.³⁹

Of course, there are many higher, more hidden ways in which fathers are crucial to a family. But this increased criminality of boys who are raised without their fathers, shows one dramatic type of loss to those families and society.

Without Their Fathers at Home, Boys are More Likely to Become Failures in Other Ways, Too.

There are many ways in which the father of a family has an irreplaceable role, as shown by the Natural Law and the Catholic Faith. (Of course, the mother's role is crucial too, but in an irreplaceably different way.) Above, we saw that when the father lives with his family, his sons are more likely to stay out of trouble and avoid becoming criminals.

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- <https://www.ammoland.com/2013/04/every-mass-shooting-in-the-last-20-years-shares-psychotropic-drugs/>

In St. Thomas Aquinas' Commentary on Aristotle's *Treatise on the Soul* ("De Anima"), St. Thomas shows the truth that, aside from (unusual) medical problems in the brain as a bodily organ which are caused by disease or physical trauma, what people need, who have "psychological" problems, is wise advice, sometimes over a prolonged period, about how to change their thinking about life and what moral choices they should make.

Thus, what is needed by people who have "psychological" problems is not someone with a particular academic degree or license but rather an advisor who has the virtue of Prudence, the Gift of the Holy Ghost which is called "Counsel", and the other virtues and Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

³⁸ https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_morningbrief/most-mass-shooters-dad-deprived-males-author-warren-farrell_3786721.html

³⁹ <https://heavy.com/news/2019/08/patrick-crusius-dad-john-bryan-crusius/>

When, however, the father lives with his family, the family will also (statistically) have a larger income and more assets.⁴⁰ This adds stability to a family.

Of course, there are more important things than more money, which are involved in growing up. It is important for those sons to “make something of themselves”. Sons who “drift” through life are on the path of failure rather than accomplishment.

But young men who are raised in a home with their father are more than two times as likely to graduate college by their late-20s, compared to those who grow up in families without their father (35% vs. 14%).⁴¹ See the graph of this data below.⁴²

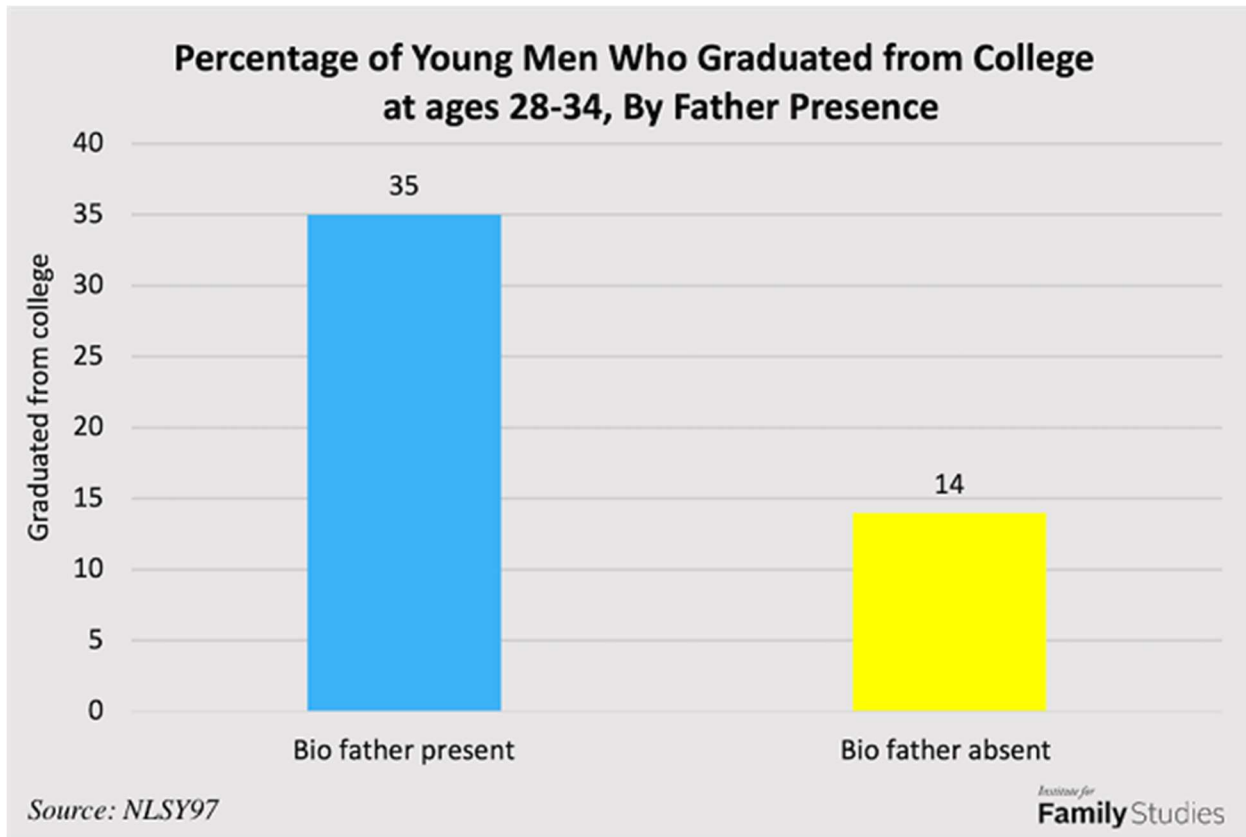
⁴⁰ For example, in a *Newsweek* article, citing U.S. Census data, it states:

Married mothers, ages 18-55, have a mean household income of \$133,000, compared to \$79,000 for childless, single women, 18-55

<https://www.newsweek.com/why-conservative-women-report-being-happiest-how-you-can-too-opinion-1748894>

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This disparity and that benefit of the father’s presence is true regardless of race and family income (*i.e.*, “controlling” for those factors).⁴³ Further, this is **statistically** true even though many fathers do a poor job of fulfilling their paternal responsibilities.

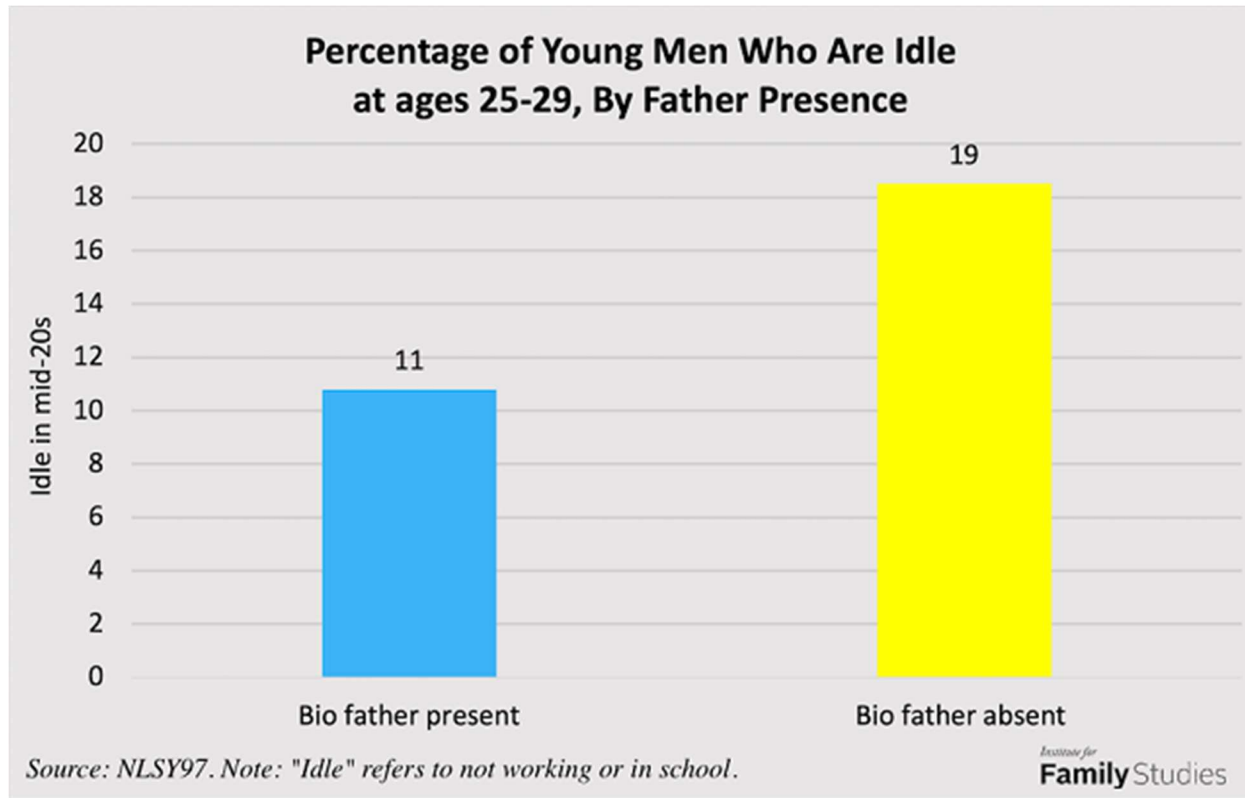
A college degree is not the only way to see that a young man has some employment success and does not become a derelict. As an alternative to the college route, a young man can live a productive life by getting a high school diploma and then holding a full-time job.

If the young man grew up in a home without his father present, that young man is almost twice as likely to live an idle life (*i.e.*, having neither a job nor being in school) in his mid-twenties as compared to the boy who grew up in a home which includes his father.⁴⁴ This

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We see that the family is a natural institution and has an essential need for its father. This is a reflection of the perfect wisdom of God and the Natural Law! He made the family to have a father as its head and a mother as its heart. That is how the family ever was, how it is, and how it will be until the end of the world.

It is crucial that boys are raised by their fathers and are taught by their fathers how to be men and how to live lives of sacrifice and virtue. They must learn how to spend their lives fulfilling their manly role and responsibilities, how to fight in the Church Militant for Christ the King and against His enemies!

Those who reject God's Plan are rejecting reality. They are part of the wreckage which litters the history of mankind, and, if they continue on this path of failure, they will become desolate souls buried in the tomb of hell.

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