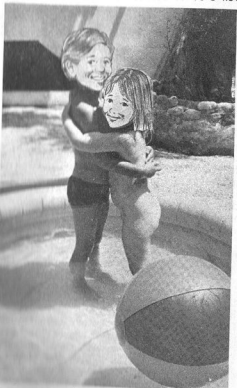


DARDS of behaviour, the children know when they have sinned or "committed the crime" & deserve punishment such as a spanking. When standards are not set by the parents & the children are not sure whether they are doing right or wrong, you can hardly blame a child for misbehaving or stepping out of line a great deal of the time, & then feeling he's being dealt with unjustly when the parents come down hard on them or suddenly spank them for having done something they were not even sure was wrong.

27. DAD HAS OFTEN SAID, "I BELIEVE IF IT DOESN'T HARM THEM OR OTHERS IN ANY WAY, THEN WE SHOULD LET A CHILD DO WHAT HE WANTS TO & HAS THE FAULT-LDR. Don't restrict them unnecessarily--they usually mean no harm, but just have a natural curiosity & sometimes want to discover things on their own. Besides if it's not



Summer '79: Dad says they're in love!..

So dangerous, maybe they should find out on their own what happens & how much it hurts if they don't heed our warnings!..
 ..In this case, putting little fingers in open drawers & pushing shut--ouch! (TTL

our now three kids here are really sweet & usually quite well-behaved, & we can trust them now to heed our warnings & seldom have problems & accidents. PTL!)

28. IT'S KNOWN TO BE QUITE COMMON IN CHILDREN UNDER 4 TO BEHAVE LIKE TEENAGERS in a way, accusing the parents & adults & thinking "they know better than you" in a self-righteous type of way. This, too, can be very trying on parents, for the children are quick to pick out your many faults. This is all the more reason why the adults should not only strive to uphold a good Christian standard, but also be careful not to be any harder or condescending on "the little people" than you would have others treat you for similar faults:

29. THEREFORE YOUR OWN STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD & in the training of your children is a careful matter to be prayed over & discussed thoroughly with your mate & other family members as well. We here cannot, of course, set a strict standard for you & your children to go by, but with foundations laid on the Word with love, we trust that you will come to a fair agreement of what the children should or should not do, what things might harm them should they disobey, what may lead to bad fruits in the end, etc.

30. MARIA HAS ALWAYS TAUGHT US TO REASON WITH DAVIDITO, so he'll understand the lesson being taught, & this has always borne great fruit in his life. When his questions are answered specifically & thoroughly, & having learned to apply



..But I wish it weren't so embarrassing!

JULY 1979



A twosome in the tub!

Scripture to his own daily life & activities, then he himself can judge whether the thing is right or wrong & will usually not get into any kind of trouble, for he has learned to be spirit-led of himself. But when he has been specifically warned not to do something, but goes ahead in acts of defiance, stubbornness & rebelliousness, he knows he deserves that spanking & takes it pretty well, even though he may sometimes pout in self-pity or pride for awhile. We simply discuss it then, explain to him why it should have been done that way, & continue on in the victory with prayer. PTL!



Davidita, 1 year, & Davidito, 2 years, saying good-bye in Tenerife, before our trip to Madiera.

MAY 1979



The children of the King!

31. WE'LL BE SHARING MORE ON THE SUBJECT of how "our now three kids" get along together, their activities & experiences, etc., but for now we can sum it all up by saying they're beautifully compatible & all three in love! We're so thankful for them & all the Lord has taught us through them!

32. ONE OF THE MOST WONDROUS PROOFS THAT DAD & MARIA THEMSELVES CERTAINLY PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH, is how they wholeheartedly live the One-Wife sample. They treat & accept all our children as their "own"! Alfred & I as parents feel very honoured & blessed, not only for the opportunity to raise Davidita here with David & in Dad & Maria's oversight,

33. BUT JUST AS YOU FAMILY TOO WOULD AGREE, that we all benefit (having the Letters), from the personal & spiritual, Godly training, love & special care for all of us children, from the BEST parents in the World: Amen!



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