

How Can We Protect Our Families?

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*President Thomas S. Monson,
First Counselor in the First Presidency."*

We can learn from the master architect— even the Lord. He has taught us how we must build. . . . The Master counseled, 'Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God.'

(D+C 88:119; see also 109:8)"

("Heavenly Homes, Forever Families," *Ensign*, June 2006, 98).

"We protect when we teach our children that they have divine worth, when we go to church as a family, when we have family home evening, when we have family prayer, when we study the scriptures together. That's all pretty simple stuff, but I testify to you that it provides powerful protection. . . .

~ *Bonnie D. Parkin, Relief Society general president*

*"She looketh
well to the
ways of her
household."*

"The
proclamation
teaches that
parents have a
sacred duty to
protect their
children. . . .

I am a Rose

Offer me the sweet dark soil
foundation of a loving beginning,
a trust-enriched promise.

Water me with the warm bath
of your words and wonder at our togetherness.
Feed me nutrients of little moments of bliss,
sprinkled periodically
with special treats,
remembrances.

Shine on me and watch me bloom
under the heat of our passion
and the warmth of your love.

~ M Steed

Parents protect
their children by
knowing their
choice of
friends. . . .

We must also
protect our
children from
the influences of
the media
. . . . and we
are protected as
we follow the
living prophet"