

***ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON'S WISDOM  
ABOUT EDUCATION & CHILDREN***

Girls of twelve and fourteen are much more difficult to manage than at any other time of life.

Let your chief study be to acquaint yourself with God because there is nothing greater than God, and because it is the only knowledge which can fill the heart with a peace and joy, which nothing can disturb.

Never let it enter your mind that you cannot be good in the station you are placed in - on the contrary that is the very place God has appointed, and a performance of the duties of it would insure your Salvation.

To speak the joy of my soul at the prospect of being able to assist the poor, visit the sick, comfort the sorrowful, clothe little innocents, and teach them to love God.

I have a very large school to superintend every day, and the entire charge of the religious instruction of all the country round.

Order and regularity cannot be skipped over here.... You know I am as a Mother encompassed by many children of different dispositions - not all equally amiable or congenial, but bound to love, instruct, and provide for the happiness of all, to give the example of cheerfulness, Peace, resignation, and consider individuals more as proceeding from the same Origin and tending to the same end than in the different shades of merit or demerit --

Tenderness... is the language children best understand.

An excellent way to make children steady [is] to show them you confide in them, and put the younger ones in some degree in [the] charge of the older—they go over the same lessons many times which they have carelessly learnt, and being obliged to give good example it has a good effect.

God will provide, that is all my Comfort[,] never did that providence fail me.

God will be a faithful God to you, if you are faithful to him.

If the heart is lost, all is lost.

Begin again today; what is lost must not cause dejection; what is gained will be lost if you do not begin afresh as if nothing had been done.

Remember Mother's first and last lesson to you: -- seek God in all things.

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