

## Family home evening

Our family got together the other day—four generations of parents, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Now please understand that this was not just a run-of-the-mill family home evening, but a special one. After all, it was my birthday, and after 76 years of living and 56 years of a very happy marriage and family life I thought maybe they'd listen while I told them how important marriage is (after the great grandchildren were through swinging from the chandeliers, that is.)

It was a wonderfully pleasant evening. After a nice dinner grandma and I quietly shared our thoughts with them. It was fun for grandma and grandpa to hear children's noises reverberate from the walls of the family home once again. It gets awfully quiet around here at times.

The children have good examples to follow. Because our children already know what a good marriage is, I know they do, and their children are learning it too, because every one of them demonstrates it by how they live and the decisions they make. What a blessing it is to see your children grow into responsible people who make a difference wherever they go. The dad's work hard and the moms are all stay-at-home moms; and because of their teaching and example, they're all raising a passel of talented, obedient children.