**Satya Sai Baba Center of Atlanta**

**Study Circle on Sai Parenting**

**Ideal Parents Have Ideal Children**

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**Question:** What type of relationship should students have with God?

**Sai:** God is not separate from you. He is not outside. He is very much within you. Therefore, you should develop a relationship of love and oneness with God. If God were separate from you, you could form a mundane relationship with Him. But He is not separate from you. He is with you, in you, around you and behind you (loud applause). You cannot have worldly relationship with God who is all-pervasive. You should strengthen the feeling ‘God is in me’ and develop oneness with Him.

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First and foremost, the parents should put the human values into practice in their own life and then encourage their children to develop these values. The parents should guide their children on the right path by their own example.

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**Parents Should Inculcate Human Values In Children**

Whatever the parents tell their children to follow, they should themselves adhere to it. Then only will their children become good.

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*Bal Vikas* is very necessary for children because the children learn human values in the *Bal Vikas* class. But, first of all, parents should themselves develop human values. Then only will they have the right to teach human values to their children. When you do not practice yourself and merely tell the children to follow, then how would they listen? Whatever you tell the children, you should demonstrate by your own example. But you say, you don’t have time and you are busy with your office work. When you pay all your attention to your office work, who will look after the children? I have written a poem in this regard.

*When husband and wife go out to office, who will do the household work?*

*If women go out to teach others’ children in schools, who will teach their own children?*

*If women also go to work just like men, who will cook food in the kitchen?*

*Earning money may solve some financial problems, but how will it resolve domestic problems?*

*Women can work and earn money but they cannot lead a happy life if they neglect their home.*

(Telugu poem)

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When your children take to bad ways, you will have to undergo a lot of suffering. It is the main responsibility of parents to look after their children properly.

You should practice human values in your profession and at your workplace. Human values are not separate from day-to-day life. You may be a police officer or a nurse or a doctor or in any other profession. You should perform your duty sincerely. Then everything will become good. But, unfortunately, people do not perform their duty honestly. Consequently, children have to suffer entirely due to the fault of elders. You should engage yourself in good and honest work. Only then can your children attain progress and happiness.

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