

## Family Friendly?

What happens when the phone rings during a "heated discussion" with a loved one?

Do you:

- 1) Grab the phone angrily?
- 2) Ignore the interruption? or
- 3) Don a mask and change your tone, answering cheerfully, "Hello?" ... Oh Hi! ... I'm fine, how are you?"

Most likely, it's choice 3. And why IS that?

Is the outside world more important to us than our immediate family?  
Our immediate *answer* may be "No,"  
but *actions* are what they see.

We're often kinder in public than we are behind closed doors.  
To acquaintances, we're civil,  
but at home, it's civil wars.

Do you put your "best foot forward" for those who don't even *like* you,  
then "jump in with both feet" to trample on those who *love* you?

For strangers, we're the perfect host, constantly putting them first.  
But those we claim to love the most receive our loathsome worst.

Arguments over petty subjects rarely arise among friends.  
While knit-picking in families seems to never end.

Those who link their lives with ours deserve the very best.  
Let's give them what is right,  
not only what is left.

With heartfelt effort and TLC,  
families can survive and thrive.  
Let's make the slogan "Family Friendly" a motto for our lives.