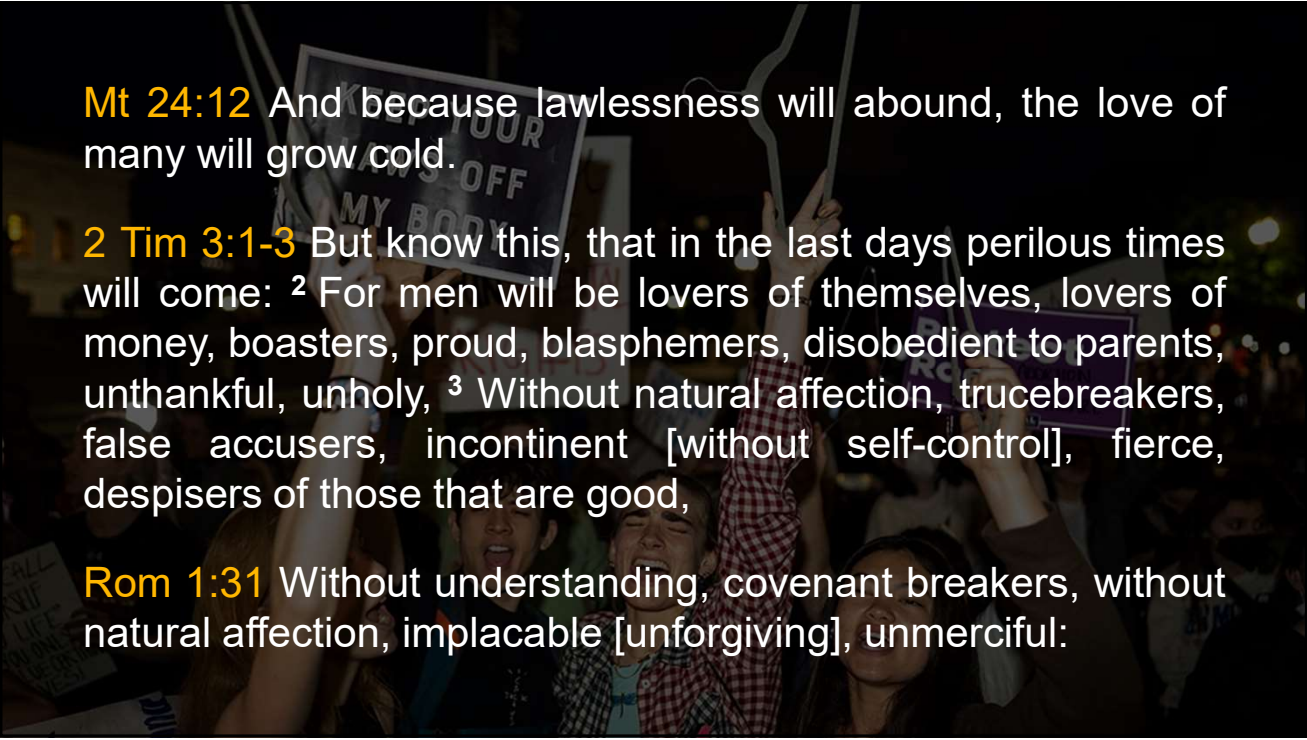




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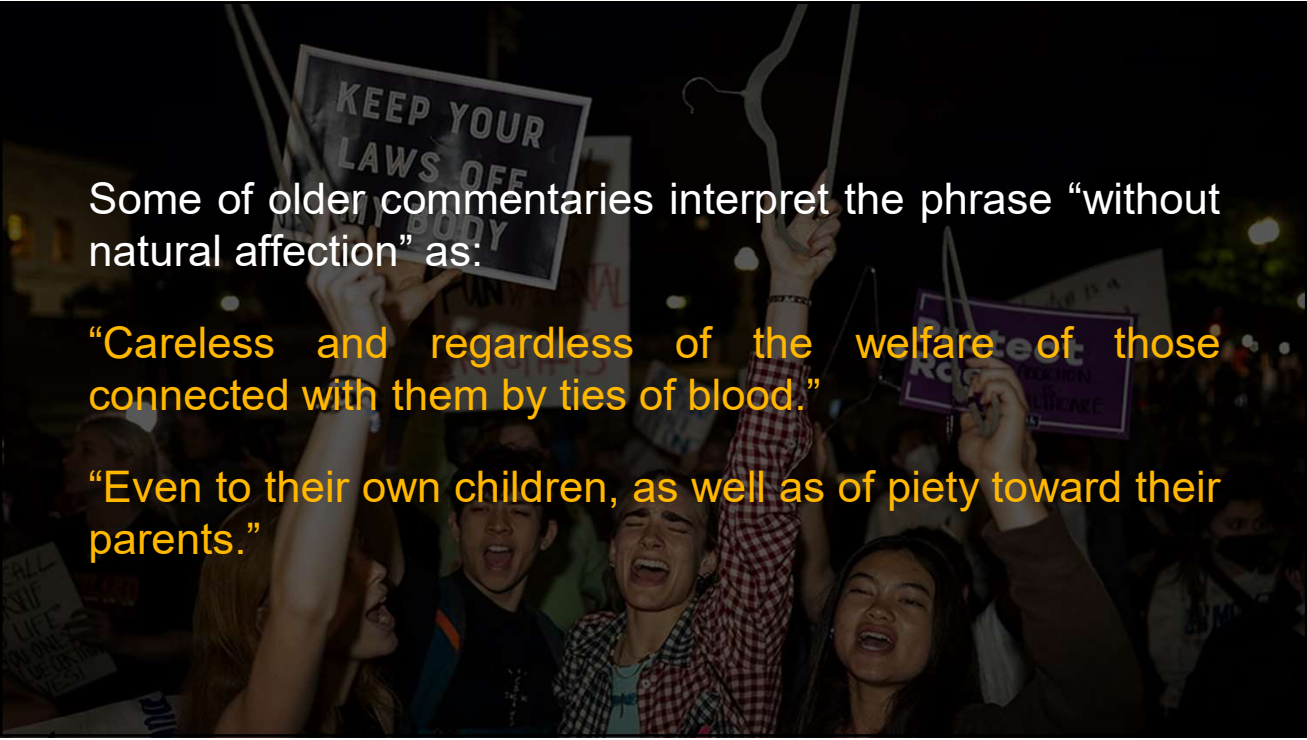


Mt 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

2 Tim 3:1-3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent [without self-control], fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable [unforgiving], unmerciful:

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Some of older commentaries interpret the phrase “without natural affection” as:

“Careless and regardless of the welfare of those connected with them by ties of blood.”

“Even to their own children, as well as of piety toward their parents.”

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The phrase “without natural affection” is the translation of one Greek word, *astergeo*. It was a characteristic of many pagans of the ancient world. Significantly, it is also prophesied to be a characteristic of the humanistic pagans of the end-times. The word *stergeo* (“natural affection”) is one of four Greek words for “love,” but it is never used at all in the New Testament.

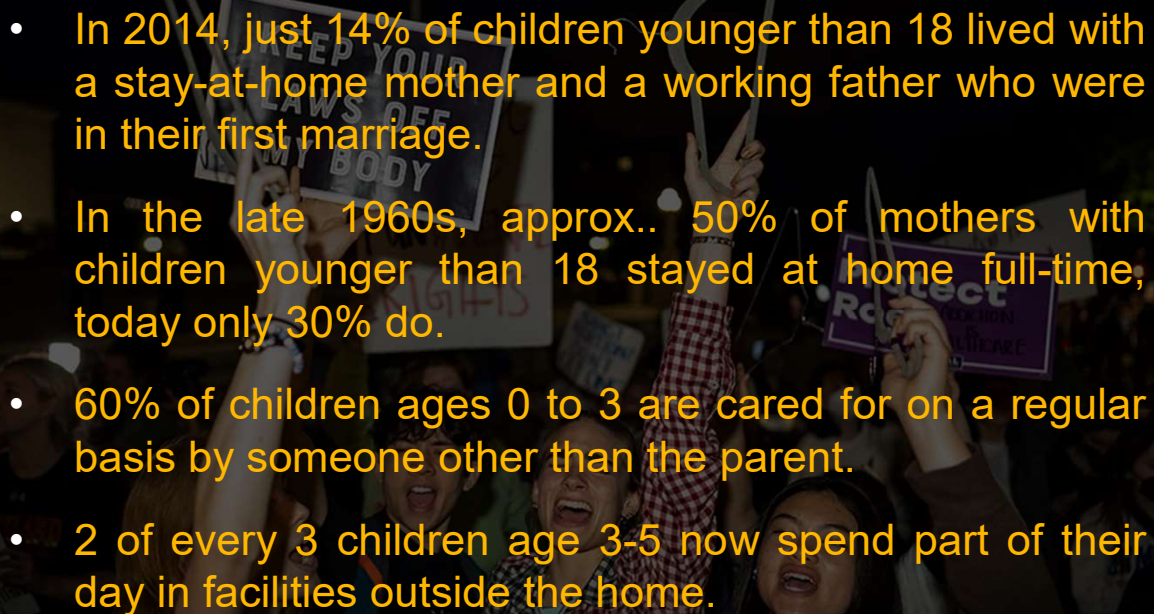
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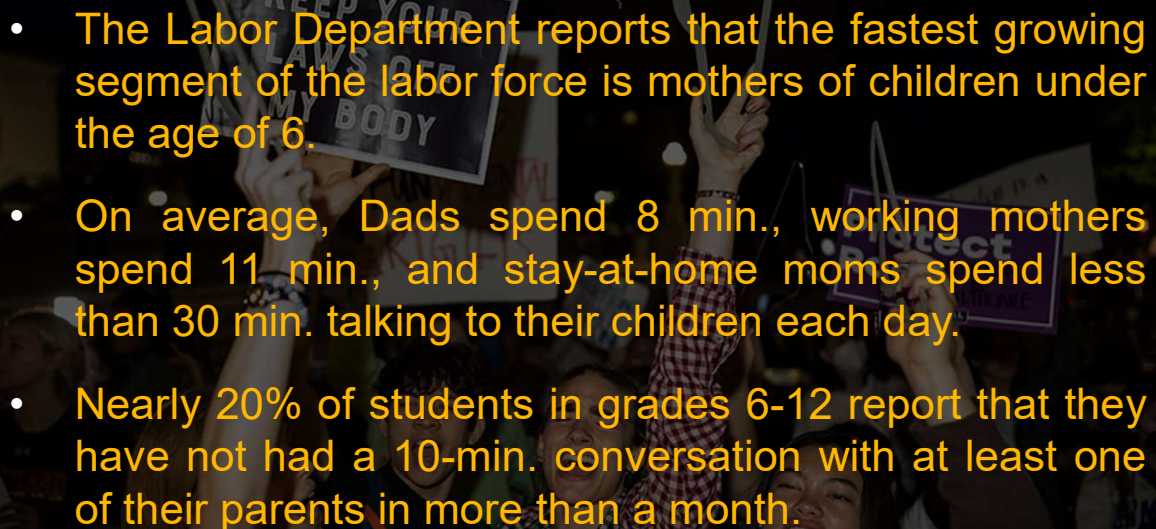
It refers to the natural love that members of the same family have for each other. It is such a common characteristic of all peoples that there was apparently no occasion to refer to it at all – *except* when it is not present, when people lose their instinctive love for their own parents and children and thus are “*without* natural affection.”

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- In 2014, just 14% of children younger than 18 lived with a stay-at-home mother and a working father who were in their first marriage.
 - In the late 1960s, approx.. 50% of mothers with children younger than 18 stayed at home full-time; today only 30% do.
 - 60% of children ages 0 to 3 are cared for on a regular basis by someone other than the parent.
 - 2 of every 3 children age 3-5 now spend part of their day in facilities outside the home.

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- The Labor Department reports that the fastest growing segment of the labor force is mothers of children under the age of 6.
 - On average, Dads spend 8 min., working mothers spend 11 min., and stay-at-home moms spend less than 30 min. talking to their children each day.
 - Nearly 20% of students in grades 6-12 report that they have not had a 10-min. conversation with at least one of their parents in more than a month.

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Lori Alexander, thetransformedwife.com:

“There’s a good reason that God commands older women to teach younger women to love their children. Many young women don’t even want to have children. If they get pregnant, many will easily have their babies slaughtered in their womb and some even celebrate it. If they have children, they will leave them in the care of strangers to raise while they go off to pursue their ‘dreams.’ Yes, many women these days are without natural affection.”

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1. The **excoriated** profession of motherhood

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“A Declaration of Feminism” - 1971

“Marriage has existed for the benefit of men and has been a legally sanctioned method of control over women. The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of woman. Therefore, it is important for us to encourage women to leave their husbands and not to live individually with men. Now we know that it is the institution of marriage that has failed us, and we must work to destroy it.”

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- In his 1971 book, *The Death of the Family*, British psychiatrist Dr. David Cooper suggested that the family should be done away with.
- In her 1970 feminist manifesto, *Sexual Politics*, Kate Millet claimed that families, along with all patriarchal structures, must go because they are nothing more than tools for the oppression and enslavement of women.
- Betty Friedan, founder of feminism’s “second wave” said, “Marriage is nothing more than a ‘comfortable concentration camp.’”
- Ti-Grace Atkinson, former president of the New York chapter of the National Organization for Women, said, “Marriage is legalized servitude and family relations are the basis for all human oppression.”

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2. The exalted priority of motherhood

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Ps 113:5-9 He makes the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.

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- She should be honored:

Ex 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (Eph 6:2)

- She should be protected:

1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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3. The essential practice of motherhood

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- **She is the cradle of life:** Gen 3:20
- **She rocks the cradle in life:** 1 Tim 2:15

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Titus 2:4-5 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

1 Tim 5:14 Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

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4. The exemplary picture of motherhood

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- She can be a horrible example:
Rebekah, wife of Isaac (Gen 27)
- She can be a holy example:
Hannah, Eunice, Timothy's mother (2 Tim 1:5)

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