

November 12, 2012

Dearest Eleanor,

Dad and I feel that you do not really listen to us when we speak with you in person. You start to tune us out and think, "I know, blah, blah, blah." This is the reason for the letter. Please read it and know how much we care for you.

You say that you are doing God's will, and that you are at peace with your decisions. You say that we are super controlling, and protective, and that your choices are natural and that "all children grow up and move out, and leave the nest."

We want to say again that we want you to be an independent and responsible adult. We are glad that you are trying to stand on your own. We do not agree with financial irresponsibility, or taking on unnecessary debt. The debt of student loans was not a necessary event. We assured you that you were free to choose your profession, and course of study, and we would continue to pay for your tuition, as long as you were walking closely with God.

Eleanor, you know that "All we are like sheep that have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." We feel that you are seeking YOUR OWN way, and not laying your prayers and supplications at Jesus' feet. The choices you are making are clearly humanistic in nature. You know that marijuana is an introductory drug that people use to relax, and then move on to harder things. You know that God says "Be not drunk with wine". That could mean any mind altering substance. You know that God says that marriage is between one man and one woman, and that we should not be unequally yoked. Why would you support the government sanctioning a union between same-sex couples, when it is contrary to God's law for his creation? If you think God is not serious about His law, reread about Sodom and Gomorrah, and read Romans.

You know that the Bible calls us to "Come out from among them, and be ye separate. We are to be a royal priesthood. We are to be holy, for God is holy." Why would you even want to experiment with alcohol or other substances, just because our government says you are old enough? Our hearts ache for you. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Please be reading your Bible daily in large portions. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves. He wants to be your Shepherd and guide you, if you will pray without ceasing

Eleanor, how could you grieve Him, when you loved Him so much just a few months ago? This is not growing up, this is adopting the values of those around you. Your choice to move out is not necessarily a wrong choice, except if your motive is to live life your own way, and not follow God's law. This is not something we have made up as your parents. We want you to live for Him.

Please read Hebrews 10:26-end of chapter. When you have grown up with the knowledge of grace and the gospel given to you at every turn, and then turn away, God may not be patient with you much

longer. Kneel before Him today and examine your heart. I would give my very self for you, if it would make a difference in your attitude before Him.

You may scoff at this letter, but your dad and mom love you very much, and want you to listen to us and to God's calling on your life. Doing wrong things in a responsible way that doesn't hurt anyone else, is still WRONG.

Please reconsider your decisions.

With all our love,

Dad Mom