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- That is not strictly a **physical** protection!

We must not neglect the **discipleship** of children!