

## *Like vs. Ought*

Should we do  
what we like  
or what we ought?

Ideally,  
we should like  
what we ought;  
but often,  
what we like is  
what we ought not.

*Like* serves self;  
*ought* considers others;  
*Like* leads to isolation;  
*ought* builds community.

*Like* likes  
whim and fancy;  
*ought* prefers  
constancy.

For some,  
*like* makes right;  
for most,  
*ought* avoids wrong.

Why is it that we know  
what we like,  
but hesitate about  
what we ought?

Children will tell you  
what they like.  
It is the mark of maturity  
to be concerned with  
what we **ought**.