

Family Council

Family Education Videos on “Family Values: Our Cherished Legacy”— Time Machines for Virtuous Family Values

Episode 6: “The 13th Stroke of the Clock”

Video’s Transcript

Dr Moustachio : Your home can be designed,
(Narration) your furniture can be designed,
and so can your family rules and family education.
Have you ever wondered what counts for
desirable family rules and family education?
Put simply, what should your family values be?

Dr Moustachio : We Chinese value the Confucian teachings,
which advocate benevolence, righteousness,
integrity, loyalty, filial piety, etc.
These are all traditional Chinese family virtues
worth passing down through generations
to become the treasures of every family.

Dr Moustachio : So, who am I?
Everyone calls me Dr Moustachio,
and I’m taking you on a treasure hunt—
the hunt for family treasures!

Daughter : Hong Kong Time is now 12,
San Francisco Time is 9,
London Time is 5,
Paris Time and South Africa Time are both 6...

Father : What are you thinking about?

Daughter : I’m thinking about turning these clocks
into time machines
to help me tour the world.

Dr Moustachio : Then you'd need my help.

Daughter, father, and
granny : Dr Moustachio!

Granny : Dr Moustachio, my son brings my grandchild here today
to have fun with your time machines.

Father : Dear all, my daughter is now 18!
Actually, I'm not bringing her here for fun,
but for some life lessons.

Daughter : All clocks strike 12...
Dr Moustachio, do you have any clock that strikes 13?

Granny : Dear all, "like father, like daughter",
they love arguing the toss.

Dr Moustachio : A clock that strikes 13?!
Alright, let's try it out.
Come here!

Daughter : Wow!

Daughter : I want to go to...

Daughter : What? I'm not welcomed?
Fine, I'll go elsewhere.

Daughter : I want to go to...

Daughter : I want to go...

Daughter : I want to...

Daughter : I want...

Daughter : I...

Daughter : All rejected?!

Daughter : Why ain't I welcomed anywhere?

Dr Moustachio : As the saying goes,
"when in Rome, do as the Romans do".
All clocks strike 12 and only yours strikes 13,
of course you're not welcome!

Father : My dear, all places has its own set of rules.
For schools there're school rules.
For families there're family rules.
For life there're rules for us too.

Granny : When your father was young,
he'd be locked out if he came home after midnight.

Father : Also, your grandpa had a rule for lunar new year that
we must go visit the elders in our family all together.

Granny : And we go tomb-sweeping
for spring/autumn ancestral worship
to observe filial piety and pay tribute to our ancestors.

Dr Moustachio : The family rules your granny and father just mentioned
are set to teach you to observe courtesy and righteousness.
You'll be welcome once you've observed them.

Daughter : Courtesy and righteousness?

Granny : Respect the elders.
Say "please" and "thanks" more often.
These are acts of courtesy.

- Father : Behave in a proper and just manner
is an act of righteousness.
- Daughter : I get it! All these are our family treasures.
Great! Let me go straight home and tell my siblings...
- Dr Moustachio : Dear all, courtesy and righteousness
are not only Chinese traditions
but also indispensable social order in today's world.
Just like a clock—
without a clock, we'd lose track of time,
and with a clock, we've got to keep time.
- Dr Moustachio : In fact, every family member can take the lead
(Narration) to set virtuous family values and pass them on!