

Julia Finney

by Charles Finney

Charles Finney writes to his daughter Julia, offering family updates, encouragement in her studies, and reminders of the importance of faith.

Scripture: Philippians 4:6

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Parental Guidance"

Description

In his letter to Julia Finney, Charles Finney expresses his love and concern for his daughter, sharing updates about his travels and the ongoing work of the Lord in London. He encourages Julia to continue her studies and to maintain her relationship with God amidst the blessings she experiences. Finney also inquires about her well-being and the progress she is making in music and other activities, emphasizing the importance of living a life close to God. His heartfelt message reflects a father's love and a spiritual guide's desire for his children to grow in faith and character.

Transcript

To Julia Finney

5 December 1850

[Ms in Finney Papers, Supplement #33. Julia Finney often underlined the date on each of the letters she received from her father, and she also underlined the names of some of the people or places, or made other marks or comments in the margin.]

Tabernacle House. Finsbury

London 5. Dec.1850

My Dear Daughter Julia.

I have had so much to do

& so many letters to write since

I came to England, that I have of

necessity left the correspondence with

our daughters pretty much to
your mother. For some time past
I have been saying I too must
write to Julia & Ange. To night
your dear Mother is not well & is
lying down & I take my pen
before meeting to write you a line.

Your Ma has told you about our
pleasant excursion to France, of
our return to Houghton. From
thence to Worcester. On Saturday
last we came again to the great
metropolis & are now occupying

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the same rooms in which we
spent the summer. I have prea-
ched but 3 sermons since my
return. The work of the Lord still
goes on powerfully in this city
& is extending to different parts
of the city. Your mother has been
very well until within a few days
she is complaining some. And
how are you getting along now.

I suppose you are happy to see
Helen Dolson & the children & that
you see them as often as you can

consistently with going on with your studies. We hope you & Ange will now press on in study as fast as you can consistently with health. We hear very favorably from you from your Uncle & Aunt & from Helen &c. This gives us great joy. We had a letter from

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Charles a few days since. He is well but as you may well suppose very lonely. He lives in the house alone & none of his relatives are at O.

He says the President's House & ours being vacant makes the Village look lonely, & that the people are very anxious for my return. We have not heard from Norton since in the summer & feel as if it was a long time. We hear from Hobart & Jemmy with great regularity, once in two weeks. Julia. My Dear child I suppose you have seen a great many new things since we left you & so have we many more than we can tell you on paper. If we ever meet we can tell you many curious things.

And how do you get along with
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music? & which of you makes
the most progress? And what is
more important which of you
is the best girl? Which of you
grows most rapidly & which
can walk, & run, & swim the
longest, the most gracefully, & the
fastest? I suppose you take a
good deal of exercise in the
open air. Have you ever been to
Mr. Tappans. To Mr. Barneys. to
Mr Whipples. to Dr. Brown or to
Samuel Cochran's. I suppose you
would hardly have known little
Willie. And do you live near
to God? I hope you will not un-
gratefully neglect the savior when
he is surrounding you with so many
blessings. Will you not write to me
& answer these questions & write
whatever else you think of. Your Dear
ma Unites in much love to you C. G.Finney

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