

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**.

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