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## Thought for Today

Family is everything.  
It defines you—the  
heart of your spirit,  
the heritage of your smile,  
not only the color of  
your eyes, but how they  
see the world.  
You are bound by kinship.  
You add your own link  
to the chain,  
and that is where you  
strengthen or weaken  
what you have been  
blessed—or burdened—  
with. That is where you use  
the indefinable quality  
that belongs to only you,  
the bit of uniqueness  
you pass on to your children  
for good or bad,  
the part of you that will always  
be separate from those  
who share your name,  
your blood, and  
your past.

~ Deborah Smith  
~ From Blue Willow

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