

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deu 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

- Why? Simply put from a parent's viewpoint, because it's not easy being a parent! Could one imagine living under the Old Covenant?

Deu 21:18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: **19** Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; **20** And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard. **21** And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Psa 127:3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is His* reward. **4** As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. **5** Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

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Mothers

Tit 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children (*Gk.5388- [fil-ot'-ek-nos] fond of one's children, that is, maternal*), **5** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (*One of the greatest gifts a mother can give her children is to love her husband, their father.*)

Fathers

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, **2** To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing

all meekness unto all men. *(Somehow we've lost respect for authority and it began when we were children.)*

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Results

2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **3** I thank God, Whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; **4** Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; **5** When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- **Satan** does not consider our children to be “*off limits*” in his attempt to lure us away from doing what’s right.

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Children

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. **2** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) **3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

1Ti 5:1 Rebuke not an elder (*Gk.4245- [elderly]; older; as a noun, a senior*), but entreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; **2** The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

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Pro 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Set A Good Example For Them

“This teaching must be reinforced by a good example. Children imitate what they see. It is no mistake that we are a lot like our parents, we learned by watching them. Our children will do the same.

Our children will be watching how we act in public. They will learn how to interact socially by watching the way that we talk and act around others. Godly behavior must be consistent inside the home as well as outside of the home. How much of a difference do your children see between “at home” parents and “out in public” parents?

Children need to see their father loving and cherishing their mother, and their mother loving and honoring their father. They need to see their father and mother reading their Bible, getting their Bible lessons ready, praying, extending hospitality to others, visiting shut-ins, and making trips to visit the sick. All of these examples will give them the foundation and cues that they need to develop a life of service unto Christ and others.

Children need to see that the Lord's church is important to their parents. Habitual tardiness and sporadic attendance tells your children that the church is not important. If we allow other events to come before assembling with the saints, our children will learn that family get-togethers, sporting events, studying for exams, club meetings, vacations, hunting trips, shopping trips, etc., are more important than the things that happen when the saints assemble. While there may be exceptions, the general rule is that sporadic attendance on the part of the parents will result in no attendance on the part of their grown children. What does it profit if your children are the best athletes, voted club president, graduate at the top of their class and receive full-ride scholarships, etc., and lose their soul for eternity (Matthew 16:26)?"

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Pro 17:6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

2Co 9:6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

- If we aren't going to take the time to reap good kids, they won't produce such. Just as we contribute to the church financially which aides in the work of the church, so is the importance of our contribution in time to our own children. If we spend more time on things other than our children's spiritual upbringing, they will in turn bear the fruits of that labor (*or the lack thereof*). There are three things we are to do as parents. When we do them we shouldn't have a problem getting our children to honor us.

Love/Teach/Discipline

Love

Pro 15:17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled (*Heb.75- fatted*) ox and hatred therewith. (*I'd rather eat vegetables at a table where love exists than eat steak where it doesn't!*)

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Teach

Pro 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. (*Been there, done that!*)

Pro 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

Pro 23:15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. 16 Yea, my reins (*Heb.3629- figuratively the mind*) shall rejoice, when **thy lips speak right things**.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the **froward mouth**, do I hate.

Pro 23:17 Let not thine heart **envy sinners**: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. 18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: **evil communications corrupt good manners**.

 Pro 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart (*Heb.3820- intellect*) in the way.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart (*Heb.3820*); and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

 Pro 23:22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Pro 4:7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Pro 16:16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

- Your finances will be stable when you understand how to budget with wisdom. Money will never save you but wisdom can.

Mar 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

 Pro 23:24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. 26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

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 Discipline

Pro 19:18 Chasten (*Heb.3256- hence to instruct: -correct, instruct, reform, teach*) thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

"The time for clay to be molded is when it is soft. The shape cannot be changed once it has hardened. There is a time when our children need to be restrained and disciplined. If we wait until they are "older," it will be too late for discipline to do any good."

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Pro 13:24 He that spares his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth (*Heb.4148- reproof, warning or instruction; also restraint*) him betimes (*Heb.7836- early*).

Pro 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

Pro 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Pro 17:25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

Pro 22:15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Pro 23:13 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

- By whatever means it takes to correct a child, whether it be in spanking or just a strong rebuke, the short term pain will save him an everlasting torture.

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture (*Gk.3809- tutorage, that is, education and training*) and admonition (*Gk.3559- mild rebuke or warning*) of the Lord.

Children's Responsibility to the Parents

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

“Literally, Paul says children are to keep on obeying their parents. This is restricted by the expression “in the Lord” which means a child may refuse to obey his parents if they ask him to do something that is wrong in God’s sight. Obedience is not only a good thing, it is right in God’s sight (6:1).”

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Pro 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For **men** shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy... (*Our parents will always be our parents!*)

“To roll your eyes at your parents as they try to instruct you is sinful. To sigh aloud as you are told do reasonable chores is sinful. To argue with parents when they tell you to do or not do something is sinful. God’s great wrath will be unleashed upon the wicked young men and women who are disrespectful to their parents.”

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Pro 15:32 He that refuses instruction despises his own soul: but he that heareth (*Heb.8085- hear intelligently; consider*) reproof (*Heb.8433- chastisement; correction, correction, reasoning, rebuke*) getteth understanding.

- Young people, you need to listen to this. Your parents want what’s best for you, sometimes when you may **think** otherwise. They love you to the point of not wanting you to make the same mistakes they did when they were your age. Mistakes that could have sent them to hell had they not wised up before it would have been too late.

Pro 4:3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Pro 28:7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shames his father.

Pro 20:11 Even a child (*Heb.5288- from the age of infancy to adolescence*) is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

Happiness in the Home- Know Your Place

Pro 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness (*Heb.8424- grief*) of his mother.

Pro 19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping (*Heb.1812- dripping*).

- Just as the annoying sound of a dripping faucet (*it had to be something different then since they didn't have faucets*) so is the wife who likes to argue and nag all the time.

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;

Pro 19:26 He that wasteth (*Heb.7702- oppress*) his father, and chaseth away (*Heb.1272- drive away*) his mother, *is* a son that causes shame, and bringeth reproach. 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causes* to err from the words of knowledge.

"Parenting is not an easy task. Being a parent involves great joy but there will also be times of great sorrow. Our objective, as parents, is to teach our children the value of wisdom, good friends, honor, and to correct them when needed. Achieving these principles will provide a home that is happy and one that all may speak of in the present or past with fondness. Above all, God will be pleased with both parents and child. Heaven will ultimately be achieved."

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- If God is not your Father you can become one of His children by taking the following steps and being added to His spiritual family.

Hear: Romans 10:17 ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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