

Children, Obey Your Parents

God has one consistent message for us regarding children- they are a blessing from Him to us!

Psalm 127:3-4

³Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

Psalm 128:1-4

128 How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. ²When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will be happy and it will be well with you. ³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children like olive plants Around your table. ⁴Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the Lord.

3 John 4

⁴I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

There is great joy when they do well, but tremendous heartache for us (and the Father) when children rebel against God's order.

So we find verses like these in the Law...

Exodus 21:17

¹⁷“He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Proverbs 20:20

²⁰He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.

God warns His people about a day when the culture will be rebellious and self-willed, and remain unchallenged.

Proverbs 30:11-14

¹¹There is a [generation] who curses his father And does not bless his mother. ¹²There is a [generation] who is pure in his own eyes, Yet is not washed from his filthiness. ¹³There is a [generation]—oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised *in arrogance*. ¹⁴There is a [generation] whose teeth are *like* swords And his jaw teeth *like* knives, To devour the afflicted from the earth And the needy from among men.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

3 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy Parents have lost their grit! We discipline our kids for their good and insist on obedience because we would not wish them on the world if we did not!

In homes where Jesus is Lord, God's order is restored; the Law becomes a schoolmaster until Christ is formed in our kids. Sign language until words form

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

The promise is 2-fold: If you will honor them, your journey through life will be good, and you will live a long life!

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Heart-warming Obedience is done: “Right Away, All the Way, and With a Happy Heart.”

How? Look to Jesus! Pray for grace to obey and honor them as Jesus did His Father.

John 8:29

²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

Psalm 40:8

⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”

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1 John 3:22

²² and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

If you want to unlock your parents’ hearts- their generosity and companionship- then begin to honor and obey them!

You are keeping their commands when you do the things you have been specifically told or asked to do “Right Away, All the Way, and With a Happy Heart.”

This lets your parents know that you hear their voice and that their priorities matter to you.

Doing the things that please them means you instinctively do the things you know will make them happy, with or without an expressed command.

This lets your parents know you are getting to know their heart and that their happiness and peace matter to you.

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Proverbs 23:24-26

²⁴ The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. ²⁵ Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you. ²⁶ Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways.