

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. Ephesians 6:1-3

A husband and wife are a **constant illustration** to their children of the place that Christ has in our lives and the way they need to **respond** to Him.

²⁰ Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Colossians 3:20

¹ My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you,

² Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding;

³ For if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding;

⁴ If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures;

⁵ Then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1-5

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching;

⁹ Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck.

¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause;

¹² Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, even whole, as those who go down to the pit;

¹³ We will find all *kinds* of precious wealth, we will fill our houses with spoil;

¹⁴ Throw in your lot with us, we shall all have one purse,"

¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them. keep your feet from their path,

¹⁶ For their feet run to evil and they hasten to shed blood. Proverbs 1:7-16

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;

² For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

³ Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:1-4

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce;

¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.

¹¹ My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD or loathe His reproof,

¹² For whom the LORD loves He reproveth, even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights. Proverbs 3:7-12

The **way** a child responds to the instruction of their parents has a **direct connection** to the **spiritual** health of the home.

A child's Biblical response to their parents includes their:

A) **Actions** (vs 1)

²⁰ Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Colossians 3:20

Be **obedient** to your parents in **all** things.

Obey: **right** away, **all** the way, and with a **happy** heart.

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. Romans 1:28-32

B) Attitudes (vs 2)

² HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise)... Ephesians 6:2

Honor your parents: treat your parents as a treasure.

Based on two factors:

- 1) Rank – chosen by God
- 2) Merit – earned our respect

You honor your parents when you embrace their loving care over your life.

²² Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

²³ Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.

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. Proverbs 23:22-26

C) Motivation (vs 1)

Children, obey in the Lord.

The more we know and understand God the greater our obedience and honor will be.

¹⁷ Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge;

¹⁸ For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, that they may be ready on your lips.

¹⁹ So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you.

²⁰ Have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge,

²¹ To make you know the certainty of the words of truth that you may correctly answer him who sent you? Proverbs 22:17-21

We are motivated to do what is right because that is pleasing to God.

² ...so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 1 Peter 4:2

⁴ In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*; ⁵ but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 1 Peter 4:4-5

⁶ For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of God*. 1 Peter 4:6

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12