

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

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PART 7: PARENTS & CHILDREN 101

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

This is the first commandment of God with a promise. Honor your parents and you will experience a long life on earth. **Exodus 20:12**

Few Christians have understood that this commandment contains a blessing and a curse. If a child chooses to honor his parents, God will bless him with a long life on this earth, but if he does not honor his parents, his life will ultimately be cut short!

This commandment was given to the people of Israel, who were under a covenant with God. When Christ rose from the dead, this commandment was transferred into the second covenant for all believers in Christ. **Hebrews 8:7-13**

A child honors his parents by obeying them. This does not apply to evil men and women leading their children into sin. **Ephesians 6:1-3**

Parents are not to provoke their children. **Ephesians 6:4**

It is a sin for a child to hit or curse his parents. **Exodus 21:15, 17**

If children do not honor their parents, they won't receive the instructions passed from generation to generation. **Deuteronomy 6:1-25**

Just like the milk from the mother to the newborn passes vital nutrients, the Word of God must also be passed from one generation to another. **Joshua 22:26-34**

Joshua was faithful to educate the second generation, but they completely failed to instruct their children (third generation). **Judges 2:6-14**

When God set up the nation of Israel, parents were told to raise and nurture their children. Once the children became adults and their parents became feeble and could no longer care for themselves, it was the duty of the adult children to meet the needs of their parents. **Matthew 15:1-9; Mark 7:6-13**

You need to honor your parents regardless if they are walking with God or not. Honoring your parents doesn't mean you have to agree with them if they are not in the will of God, but you still need to respect them. If they are living in sin and refuse to repent, you are not obligated to support and further enable their sinful living, but you should be upholding them in prayer. **Galatians 6:7-9**

God used your parents to give you the gift of life. **Romans 8:28-31**

If a generation does not preserve its heritage, the children and grandchildren will destroy themselves and the nation in which they live. **2 Kings 17:1-18**

Do you plan to start and finish your classes?

