

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
301: Healthy Friends & Family / Part-2 Parenting, Step-Parenting, Grand-Parenting & Mentoring Essentials

LESSON 12: What Every Child Needs To Know

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

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 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

1. Children should hear what parents have to say

Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

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

Matthew 15:4 (NIV)

⁴ For God said, 'Honor your father and mother'...

Proverbs 1:8 (NIV)

⁸ Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

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

2. Children should heed what parents have to say.

Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

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

Colossians 3:20 (NIV)

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV)

¹ Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"--

3. Children should honor both father and mother.

Ephesians 6:2 (NIV)

² "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise—

Deuteronomy 5:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Leviticus 19:3 (NIV)

³ "Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:32 (NIV)

³² "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

4. Children can have a promised quality and quantity of life.

Ephesians 6:3 (NIV)

³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Deuteronomy 27:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ "Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"

Proverbs 30:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures.

Luke 2:51 (NIV)

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Proverbs 4:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

Proverbs 10:27 (NIV)

²⁷ The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Proverbs 20:20 (NIV)

²⁰ If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

5. Application: Build a "House of Order"

Note: Refer to "House of Order" in Appendix

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways that you desire your children to hear and heed your guidance?
2. What are some ways that you desire your children to honor both father and mother?
3. How have you personally done at honoring both father and mother over the years? What impact do you think that may have on your children?
4. Why do you think these promises lead to quality and quantity of life for you children?
5. How could the "House of Order" be used to strengthen your home and parenting?
6. What was the big idea for you from this lesson?
7. Update your "Prayer Journal" in the appendix and commit to praying for each other through the end of this training.