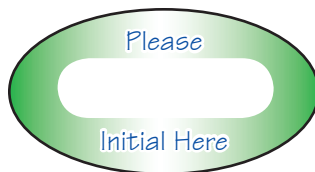


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God blesses children who honor and obey.

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Children Must Honor Their Parents

I. Overview.

Children have a two-fold responsibility toward their parents: to honor them in their heart and to obey them in their actions. Children honor their parents in their heart by loving and respecting them and their word. This is something that happens within a child's being. Children also are responsible to obey their parents in their outward behavior.



God promises great blessings for children who honor and obey.

The Lord, who watches over the hearts of children and knows all things, is pleased when children honor their parents. The Lord also is pleased when the children's honoring of their parents is expressed outwardly by obedient conduct. The Bible indicates that there is a great two-fold promise to children who honor and obey their parents. First, they will be blessed with safety and happiness and second that they will have long lives.

II. Memory Verse.

"Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise."

(Eph. 6:2)

III. Lesson.

As we have seen, parents have a three-fold responsibility toward their children. This responsibility includes loving and caring for them, providing for their physical needs for food, clothing and shelter, and also to train and discipline them so that they will grow up in God's ways.



Long life, happiness and safety are the promises of God for obedient children.

The Two-Fold Responsibility of Children

Children have a two-fold responsibility toward their parents – firstly to honor and second to obey. Children honor their parents when they love their parents and realize that their parents are their source, their origin. It is right to honor your parents as your origin. Children should realize that their parents have lived much longer than they have and have already passed through all the things that the children are passing through. Children should look to their parents as ones who have learned much and ones from whom they can receive much. Children should also respect and honor their parents as the ones who sustain their existence. Respect and honor is mainly inward, in the heart, and is a matter of attitude.

The Responsibility to Obey

The second responsibility that children have toward their parents is the responsibility to obey. This simply means that the children should do what they are told to do. All that parents tell children to do is for their own good. No parent would ever tell their children to do something that would be harmful to them. Children also should not do what their parents tell them not to do.

A Great Reward for Children Who Honor and Obey

The Bible promises a great reward for children who honor and obey their parents. This reward is also two-fold. Firstly the Bible promises “that it may be well with you”, which means that you will live in safety and happiness. Secondly the Bible promises “that you may live long on the earth”, which means that you will have a long life. These are truly great blessings. God is very wise and promises to reward children who have an inward heart of love, honor and respect for their parents. God is also very pleased when children obey their parents – doing exactly what their parents tell them to do, and not doing those things that their parents forbid them to do.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What are the responsibilities of children?

2. Which of the responsibilities is inward, in the heart and attitude?

3. Which of the responsibilities is outward in conduct?

4. What is God's promise to children who honor and obey?

