

Relationships with Parents: Ministering Joy

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A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother. Proverbs 10:1

Biblical Instruction

- A. A Command
 - 1. 10 Commandments

2. Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

3. Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

- B. Disobedience to Parents Breaking God's Law, a sign of the time
 - 1. Romans 1:30

Slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents . . .

2. 2 Timothy 3:2

For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy . . .

C. The Wise Child

1. Proverbs 1:8,9 - hears

Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck.

2. Proverbs 4:20-21, 6:20-22 – values what parents teach

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart.

My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.

3. Proverbs 10:1 – gives joy to parents

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- D. For Our Example
 - 1. Rechabites Jeremiah 35
 - 2. Solomon Proverbs
 - 3. Ruth mother-in-law
 - 4. Judah father
 - 5. Samuel "parent figure"
 - 6. Isaac on the altar
 - 7. Daniel and his friends
 - 8. Jesus -
 - As a Child Luke 2:41-52
 - On the Cross John 19:25-27

Application

1. Honor parents as a way to obey/honor God

2. Giving Matthew 15:4-20

3. Encourage others to a honoring relationship with their parents

4. Obey

5. When we disagree

6. Minister Joy - Proverbs 10:1