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**God’s Instructions To Kingdom Kids**

Ephesians 6:1-3

**Key Truth:** God has placed authorities, such as parents, in our lives for our good.

**Parents Serve A Purpose:**

1. One the most important human relationships in society is the

 parent/child relationship. Exodus 20:12

2. Parents are here to help us cultivate and experience a

 relationship with God.

3. God takes the parent child relationship seriously.

 Exodus 21:15, Exodus 21:17, Lev. 20:9,

**Reasons to obey:**

1. It is morally right.

 A. When children dishonor their parents society’s stability is

 shaken to the core. 2 Timothy 3:2

2. It is spiritually right

 A. When Christian children dishonor his/her parents they

 harm their relationship with God.

 B. Children are taught to obey God by first obeying their

 parents.

3. It has positive benefits on your life.

 A. When Christian children honor his/her parents they

 strengthen their relationship with God.

 B. Listening to the wisdom from your parents protects you

 from life’s pitfalls.

 1. The book of Proverbs is mainly written from a parent to

 child perspective. Proverbs 1:7-9, 3:1-2, 4:1-9, 5:1-2,

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Ask God to help you show honor to your parents. Forgive your parents for any hurt they may have caused you.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

As a child, what was the biggest thing you ever did to disrespect or disobey your parents?

Read Ephesians 6:1-3: How big of an issue is lack of respect between parents and children? What might a child’s lack of respect for his or her parents reveal about the condition of their heart?

Read Exodus 20:12: How can we teach our children to honor this commandment? How can we as adults still honor our parents?

How can parents bring up their children “in the training and instruction of the Lord”? Did this happen in your home?

Read: 1 Samuel 2:12-36, 1 Samuel 3:10-14. What was the outcome of Eli’s failure to raise his sons to fear God?

Is the honor we are to show our parents earned by them, or given because of their position as our authority figures? How can we honor parents if they were not the loving, godly parents we wanted to have?

Is there anything you need to forgive your parents for? If so, what? Will you make the choice to forgive this week?