

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us remind ourselves of important matters in our lives—warnings from the Word of God. Today, by the grace of the Lord, we will reflect on a few parental responsibilities toward our children.

The Command to Children

The Bible says:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” — Exodus 20:12

This Word of God applies to all children who have parents. Even if their biological parents are no longer alive, guardians stand in that rightful place before God. Whether in a family home or an

orphanage, guardians carry the authority and position of parents before the Lord.

There is a great blessing in honoring and obeying parents.

It does not matter how flawed a parent may be; the command remains to honor and obey. This is the first commandment with promise:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” — Ephesians 6:1-3

Notice two separate blessings:

- That it may be well with you (a blessed life),
- And that you may live long on the earth (long life).

One may live long without living well—but God desires both to go together.

The Parent's Responsibility

A parent greatly influences a child's destiny—either to build it or to destroy it.

A parent may provide school fees, quality education, good nutrition, healthcare, and protection. Yet if that parent fails to cultivate obedience and honor in the child, that child will not prosper in the long run, nor live a blessed life—regardless of education, health, or popularity.

Life may be cut short or filled with hardship.

Therefore, before celebrating academic success, first examine obedience and respect. Rejoice more when your child grows in humility and submission than when they excel academically.

Teach them to listen willingly—not merely by force. Train them in good character, modesty, and respect toward you and toward others.

Test Your Child's Obedience

Observe how your child behaves among visitors. Praise what is good. Correct what is wrong.

The Bible teaches that loving correction does not destroy a child:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6

Proper discipline builds character. Children are created without deep resentment, making it easier to shape them when young. Correct them today, and shortly afterward they return in love and joy.

But if you neglect correction, later in life pride, resentment, and rebellion may make it difficult to guide them.

Teach Them the Word of God

While they are young, teach them Scripture. Give them verses to memorize—even if they do not yet fully understand. The Word stored in childhood will guide them in adulthood.

Teach them hymns, worship songs, prayer, and the stories of Jesus. These are more valuable than worldly songs or empty entertainment.

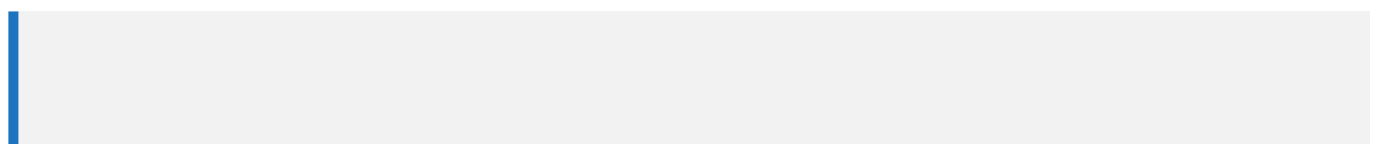
Examine whether they are applying what they are taught.

When others testify that your child is respectful and well-mannered, unseen blessings are being released. That is where a child's true star begins to shine.

The Crown of Grace

One of the greatest blessings a parent can give is placing the Crown of Grace upon a child's head.

The Bible says:



*“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.” — Proverbs 1:8-9*

This “ornament of grace” — this crown — is a powerful spiritual blessing.

We live by grace. When grace abounds upon a person, they draw nearer to God and become useful in His service. Service to God is not limited to preaching; it includes any position where God uses someone to influence and bless others.

Jesus said:

“If any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” — John 12:26

Who does not desire to be honored by God?

If you desire that for your child, teach them to honor and obey you—while you model a life that fears God.

A Warning to Parents

If you are not saved, you cannot place this Crown of Grace upon your child. Your life influences theirs.

Turn to Christ today. Repent sincerely of your sins—immorality, neglect, dishonesty, and any wrongdoing. Ask the Lord to cleanse you by His blood and make you a godly parent.

The Scripture declares:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” — Acts 2:38

Through repentance and true surrender, the Holy Spirit will guide you, give you understanding of Scripture, and strengthen you to

overcome sin.

Remember also that Jesus Christ is coming again.

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” — Mark 8:36

Meditate on this daily.

Final Encouragement

Having a child is a blessing—especially when you have placed upon them the Crown of Grace.

As you pour grace into their lives, God will cause that same grace to overflow back to you in the future.

May you and your household walk in obedience and blessing.

Maranatha.

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CHILD?

Shalom.

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