

## The Children in the Home

### The Christian Home - Pt.6

#### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss some of the duties and responsibilities of the children in the home.
2. Gen. 1:26-27 - God made man and woman with the opportunity to reproduce
3. No home can be at its best nor enjoy its greatest happiness without children.
  - a. We were married for 3 years before our first child
  - b. They were happy years and we needed them
  - c. But when children come into a home it makes for more happiness and a very rewarding experience.
4. Psalms 127:3-5 "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."
5. Children are of Great Value and a great blessing to the home.
6. We will be talking about the responsibilities and duties of the children in their various relationships
  - a. We have discussed the roles of Fathers and Mothers
  - b. We studied what the Bible teaches that parents are to do for their children.
  - c. This lesson will be about what the Bible teaches children to do.

## Discussion

### I. WHAT CHILDREN OWE THEIR PARENTS

A. Obedience and Respect - the children in the home should be obedient and respectful to their parents because:

1. Jesus was obedient and respectful to his parents
  - a. Just before Jesus became a teenager the Bible shows that he had respect for and was obedient to Joseph and Mary
  - b. Luke 2:51 "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."
    - (1) Subject = a military term - to rank under
    - (2) To subject oneself - to obey
  - c. Between the years of 12 and 30 the Bible says: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52
  - d. If Jesus the Son of God was obedient and respectful to his parents then certainly young people today should follow his example.
  - e. If Jesus had been rebellious and disrespectful to his own parents then he could not have gained God's approval nor man's approval.
  - f. The approval of God and of good men has never rested upon rebellious and disrespectful young people.
2. The children of the home should be obedient and respectful to their parents because it is commanded.
  - a. Eph. 6:1-3
  - b. It has always been right for children to obey their parents as long as those parents do not require something wrong.

- c. It has always been wrong for children to disobey their parents. It always will be wrong.
  - d. God never has had a law which read, "Parents, obey your children in the lord: for this is right. Honor thy son and daughter; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."
  - e. Many families follow that procedure today. Many parents are afraid to say "no" to their children. They have reversed the commands of Eph. 6:1-3.
3. Obedience to parents is essential to being a good child
- a. Eph. 6:1 "This is right"
  - b. A child may be intelligent, good looking and popular, but if they are not obedient to their parents they are not good.
  - c. Col. 3:20 says this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
  - d. Prov. 23:22 "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee and despise not thy mother when she is old."
4. Obedience to parents is essential to growing to be a good adult.
- a. From submission to parental authority develops the respect for authority in society [the rights of others - the laws of the land], and the highest authority of all, God.
  - b. In obedience there is respect for others.
  - c. Respect causes us to have the proper set of values in life.
5. All Children owe obedience and respect to their parents.

## B. Loyalty and Allegiance

1. We owe more to our parents than we do our friends.
2. Our parents are the ones who brought us into this world and cared for us when we were infants.
3. Parents have provided shelter, clothes, medical needs, and education for their children.
4. They spend much of their money on the children.
5. It has been done because of their loving care for their children.
6. All they expect is your love, and honor and respect for them.
7. Parents desire to see their children mature, find a good mate, a good job, live as a Christian, and have a happy home life.
8. Children should be loyal to their parents and never allow themselves to become bitter and resentful toward the ones who have cared for them all their life.

## II. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT BEING A GOOD SON OR A GOOD

### DAUGHTER - Characteristics of a good child

#### A. Remember thy Creator

1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."  
Ecl. 12:1
2. Young people who are wise will heed the voice of the Bible and remember their creator in the days of their youth.
3. This is a command of God that can only be obeyed when you are young.

4. Young people should remember God in their youth because it could be the only period of life they have.
    - a. You have no guarantee that you will live to be 60 or 70
    - b. The young die as well as the old.
    - c. Youth may be the only time you have to remember God.
  5. God expects you to become a citizen of his kingdom - the church.
    - a. The Great Commission - Matt. 28:18-20 Mark 16:15-16 -applies to young people as well as older people
    - b. God wants you to obey in the days of your youth so you can carry the saving message to the lost of our generation.
  6. To remember your Creator in the days of your youth means you obey the gospel and live a faithful Christian life.
  7. A good child becomes a Christian when he is old enough to understand
- B. Being Faithful to the family is essential in being a good son or daughter
1. They must be faithful to parents, to brothers and sisters, and the family heritage and name.
  2. The family name is trusted and respected.
  3. Being a good son or daughter means passing that good name on to the next generation.

### C. Integrity:

1. A good child must have integrity.
2. Integrity = soundness of moral principle, complete honesty and uprightness
3. Pro. 11:3 "The integrity of the upright shall guide them..."
  - a. A good child will be completely honest. at home, at school, in the community, on the job
  - b. The parents can believe in them knowing that they will go where they say they are going and doing what they are supposed to be doing. They can trust them because they have integrity.

### D. Purity

1. A good child is pure in thought, word and deed
2. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8
3. "Keep thyself pure." I Tim. 5:22
4. Purity must be inward as well as outward. External purity is hypocrisy.
5. The child who is good will be devoted to purity.

### E. A good son or daughter Remembers his parents

1. The prodigal son, even though he was bad for a while, remembered his father, his family and his home.
2. A good child is thoughtful of his parents. They are concerned for their welfare.
3. This concern continues even when away from home and their parents are getting older.

F. Marks of a Good daughter = "Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all" - Pro. 31:29

### 1. Be modest

- a. A good daughter must be modest
- b. Queen Vashti refused to put herself on display for the intoxicated men to look upon
- c. Esther 1:10-12
- d. A good daughter will not flaunt her body in public.
- e. She will adorn herself in modest apparel - I Tim. 2:9 "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array:"
- f. She has the courage to stand against customs even if it appears that everybody is wearing immodest clothing.
- g. A good daughter places emphasis upon "the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:4
- h. Her chief concern is "interior decorating".
- i. Prov. 31:25 like the worthy woman, "Strength and honor are her clothing."

### 2. Chaste

- a. Titus 2:5
- b. She refrains from practices which excite immoral thinking
- c. She will come to marriage clean both in mind and body.

## G. Marks of a good son

1. Sober minded - Titus 2:6
  - a. Self control
  - b. Learn to be mature and act like a man not an immature child
2. Pattern of good works - Titus 2:7
3. Sound speech - Titus 2:8
4. Willing to work
  - a. 1 Tim. 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."
  - b. II Thes. 3:6-12 they were condemned because they would not work
  - c. A good son is not lazy but willing to work.
  - d. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth". Lam. 3:27
  - e. A good son will make diligent preparation to make his own way in today's world
  - f. Making a life is more important than making a living.

## III. WHAT GOOD SONS AND DAUGHTERS CAN MEAN TO PARENTS

- A. The Bible talks about what good children can mean to parents
  1. Pro. 10:1 "A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."
  2. Pro. 15:20 "A wise son maketh a glad father but a foolish man despiseth his mother."
  3. Wise - a child who comes to see things from God's point of view.
  4. This is true wisdom

5. A child that is wise will bring gladness to the parents
  - a. They can see in them the fruits of the training they have given
  - b. They have a sense of pride in accomplishing success with rearing their children.
  - c. Parents enjoy success much like a doctor enjoys seeing a patient who is able to recover from a sickness or accident with his help and guidance
  - d. Good children produce gladness.
  - e. "My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine." Pro. 23:15
  - f. "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice." Pro. 23:24-25

## B. Examples of good children

1. Moses
  - a. Amram and Jochebed must have been very proud of their son Moses.
  - b. They laid their lives on the line to give him a chance to live - Heb. 11:23
  - c. They faced the possibility of death if they were caught hiding Moses - Exodus 1:22
  - d. They feared God more than the king.
  - e. They finally had to give him up to someone else.
  - f. But Moses became a great servant of God
  - g. If they had a chance to see him grow up they must have been very thankful and proud of their son.

- h. They would have known that all the sacrifices were worth it all.
- i. Many parents have sacrificed in order to help their sons or daughters.
- j. It's worth it all when you see them grow up and become servants of God.

## 2. Samuel

- a. Hannah wanted a child
- b. She promised to give him to the Lord - 1 Samuel 1
- c. Can you imagine how she must have felt when she learned that God had spoken to her son - 1 Samuel 3:11-21
- d. Samuel became an extension of Hannah and whatever he accomplished for God she shared in part of it.

## C. Application

- 1. Parents share in the success of good children.
- 2. Good children mean success in rearing them
- 3. This means that good children and good parents will be able to be together again some sweet day where all good people will be in heaven.

## **CONCLUSION**

- 1. Great good comes from family life
  - a. God would not have made us in such a way if that were not the case.
  - b. He made everything good.
- 2. All within the family have a contribution to make
  - a. Parents have a different position than their children

- b. Children have a different position than their parents
  - c. But each must study and obey what God teaches in His word about our responsibilities.
3. A Happy home includes
- a. A good husband and wife
  - b. A good father and mother
  - c. And good children.
4. Ecc. 12:1 "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

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