

Parent-Teen Relationship

Play: Michael W. Smith's WORSHIP CD

Journal:

Think about this past week and everything that has gone on. I want you to thank God for one thing that He has done in your life this past week.

Prayer Requests:

Take assessment quiz: (I found an assessment quiz online and printed it out)

Satan at work to divide:

Matthew 10:20-22

"For it is not you who speak, but {it is} the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father {his} child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved."

What does Satan do to try and stop God from working?

Second Timothy 3:1-5

"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these."

Even in the end-times Satan still tries to do what to prevent God? Why do you think Satan does that?

What are we told to do?

Obedience:

Ephesians 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

Colossians 3:20

“Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.”

What does God command of us in these scriptures?

Why does God tell us to do that?

What promise does He give us?

Proverbs 1:8-9

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.

What are we commanded to do? What are they compared to? How are they “graceful wreaths” and “ornaments”?

Proverbs 6:20-24

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. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life To keep you from the evil woman, From the smooth tongue of the adulteress.

What are we commanded to do? What happens when we obey them? How do they keep us out of trouble?

Proverbs 23:22-25

Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell {it,} {Get} wisdom and instruction and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

What are we commanded to do? What are the effects of those commands? Do you want your parents to be glad with you?

Our attitude towards our parents:

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.

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.

What attitude are we supposed to have towards our parents? What is honor and how do we show that? What will the effect be?

Leviticus 19:3

'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My Sabbaths; I am the LORD your God.'

What attitude are we to have? What is reverence and how do we show it?

Proverbs 10:1

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.

Proverbs 15:20

A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

How does are attitude effect our parents?

Do you think if we were to treat our parents with more respect, honor, and reverence, they would trust us more and our relationship with them would be better?

God's view of disrespect:

Exodus 21:15

He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17

He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 27:16

'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

What is God's view of disrespect?

Leviticus 20:9

'If {there is} anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.'

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

"If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his hometown. "They shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear {of it} and fear.

Yet again what do you think God thinks of disrespect? Why do you think God feels that way? Do you think that is harsh? Why?

Proverbs 19:26-27

He who assaults {his} father {and} drives {his} mother away Is a shameful and disgraceful son. Cease listening, my son, to discipline, {And you will} stray from the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 20:20

He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.

Proverbs 30:17

The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

What will happen to us if we are not respecting our parents?

Read Story:

Great Lady pp. 194-196 of Stories for the Heart

Journal:

How is your relationship with your parents? Are you making memories with your family that you will look back on and smile? What can you do to make your relationship better? Is there something you need to ask forgiveness for? Is there some hurt that you have that is keeping you from getting close to your parents that you need to talk to them about? If so, what are you going to do about it?

Closing comments:

Look at that quiz we took at the beginning...those are some areas that you can work on to better your relationship with your parents. But first and foremost, if you want to have a great relationship with your parents, having a close and personal daily relationship with Jesus will help tremendously. So I encourage you to work on your relationship with your parents. Start small

and work your way to a close relationship. But remember to stay in God's word...read it daily and make sure you pray. You can ask God to help you with your relationship and He will.