

Immediate Family Relationships Parents, Siblings, and Others

- I. Aging Parents
 - A. Many have had to deal with Aging parents
 - B. Sometimes they live within our house hold
 - C. Our culture has this wrong as well.
 - D. With the aged is wisdom
 - E. As the body weakens the experience deepens
 - F. Satan wants to make sure that there is a disconnect between older and younger generations
 - G. We need to do this God's way
 - H. Consider these verses in light of aging parents rather than small child to parent

Exodus 21:15, *“Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.”*

Exodus 21:17, *“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.”*

Deuteronomy 5:16, *“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”*

Proverbs 17:6, *“Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.”*

Proverbs 19:26, *“He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.”*

Proverbs 20:20, *“If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.”*

Proverbs 23:22, *“Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.”*

- I. Your adult parent is not your spiritual authority and should never usurp your spouse

Genesis 2:24, *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”*

- J. The parent should fit into the son or daughters world - opposite of parent to small children under their authority
- K. God will bless right relationships - we want to live under God’s blessing

II. Siblings

- A. Relationship with siblings can be very difficult
- B. Often hurtful things occur during our growing up years that are remembered far into adulthood
- C. Young brothers and sisters can be the meanest people on earth
- D. It matters that we obey God even as kids living together
- E. Here are a few scripture that speak to the way we should deal with everyone even our siblings

John 13:34-35, *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Romans 12:18, *“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”*

Galatians 5:15, *“But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.”*

Ephesians 4:32, *“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”*

Philippians 2:4, *“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:11, *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*

F. In the right environment, Friends come and go - but siblings remain for a lifetime

III. Others

A. We should never take lightly letting others live within our homes

B. Our homes are our sanctuary's and the safe places for our families

C. As Christian families we are to be hospitable

Hebrews 13:2, *“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”*

D. Definitely open doors

E. “Open doors” do not necessarily mean open floors

F. When it comes to letting someone live with you - better hear clearly from Holy Spirit

G. There are times God will lead you to open your home to someone to live with you

H. Unless He does, do not do it.

I. Find other ways to help them.

J. If God clearly leads you to invite someone to live with you then He will cover you.

K. Be wise - Hear God

Colossians 4:5, *“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.”*

Matthew 10:16, *“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”*

Romans 12:2, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that **by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**” (Emphasis added).*

Proverbs 3:5-6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*

L. Not giving excuse to do nothing - but help in right way as led by God