

Immediate Family - Parents Part 1

I. Review

A. Purpose

1. To know and experience God
2. To lead others to do the same
3. To bring the kingdom to earth now
4. To properly reflect God who wants to make a name for Himself

B. Galatians 5:1

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

C. John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

II. Two Questions

A. Are you free?

B. Are you living the abundant life?

C. We can know in every area God wants us Free, Filled, and Fruitful - 3 f's

III. Five Key Areas of Our Lives - Asking these two questions

A. Health

1. Physical
2. Mental

B. Immediate Family - as in who you live with

1. Marriage
2. Children
3. Parents
4. Others

C. Vocation - what you do

1. Home
2. Job
3. entertainment

D. Relationships - those outside your home

1. Extended family
2. Friends
3. Others

E. Finances

1. Earning
2. Spending
3. Giving

IV. Immediate Family - Parents

A. To children

B. Going to look at what God says directly to you in His Word - But first

C. Why should you care about what God thinks - lots of different opinions

1. He is God - He made everything - It's going to go His way

a) Deuteronomy 4:39

“...the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.”

2. What has He said about how it is?

a) Deuteronomy 28:1-14, 15-47 - blessings and cursing

3. What does He want from you?

a) Deuteronomy 10:12-13

b) John 6:29

“Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

c) 1 John 5:1-5

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world —our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

D. It is His way

E. Hopefully I have stirred in your heart desire to care what God thinks.

F. That being said, what does God have to say in relation to kids and their parents.

Exodus 20:12, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

Ephesians 6:1-3, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Colossians 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

G. What has God told your parents to do? What response does He want you to have?

H. Everyone is accountable to God - Parents don't make this up

1. Discipline

a) Instruction to parent

Proverbs 19:18, “Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.”

Proverbs 13:24, “Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.”

b) Instruction to child

Proverbs 3:11, “My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof.”

Proverbs 12:1, “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”

1 Peter 1:14, “As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.”

2. Instruction

a) Instruction to parent

Genesis 18:19, “For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-8, “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.”

Matthew 19:14, “Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

b) Instruction to child

Proverbs 1:8, “Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.”

Proverbs 3:21, “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion.”

Proverbs 4:10, “Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.”

Proverbs 6:20, “My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching.”