

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Obeying Your Parents

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on obeying our parents. We often remind our children that they are commanded by God to obey us (**Proverbs 30:17, Ephesians 6:1-3, Exodus 20:12**), but why should children obey their parents in the Lord? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. God Knows What is Right

- A. The godly thing to do (**Exodus 20:12, Acts 5:29**).
- B. The right thing to do (**Ephesians 6:1, Colossians 3:20-21**).
- C. The loving thing to do (**John 14:15, I John 2:7-3:24**).

II. Parents Have Learned What is Right

- A. Parents understand rebellion & growing pains (**Psalms 127:3, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 29:15-17**).
- B. Parents understand conflict & confrontation (**Ephesians 4:26, Matthew 5:23-24, Matthew 18:15-17, Ephesians 6:4**).
- C. Parents understand accountability & responsibility (**Ezekiel 18:1-18, II Chronicles 19:5-10, Hebrews 9:27**).

III. Children Should Learn What is Right

- A. Your parents are a part of God's perfect plan (**Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14**).
- B. Your parents are commanded to help you prepare for adulthood (**Proverbs 22:6, Hebrews 12:5-11, Deuteronomy 11:19**).
- C. You may end up just like your parents (**Matthew 7:12, Exodus 21:17, Matthew 15:4**).

Conclusion: Christian families need to build on their strengths and seek God's will for the home. If your parents are still alive, thank them for their patience. If your parents have passed on, live as if they were watching your every move. Where are you in your walk with God? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you! Remember that your loving Heavenly Father waits to hear your voice.