

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV)

7 But reject profane and old wives' tales, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but **the exercise of godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.**

Colossians 3:22-23 (NKJV)

22 And servants, **obey in all things your masters** as to the Lord, **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.**

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the **reward of the inheritance** (as you serve the Lord Christ)

25 for he who does nothing will be punished for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

1 John 2:10 (NKJV)

10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

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Children's obedience in the Family Institution

1. Proverb is a wise saying, a general rule of thumb

A promise: If you do this, God will have this result

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

2. Children, a sacred obligation:

Psalm 127:3 (NKJV)

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Psalm 127:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. 6 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrow; For so He gives His beloved sleep. 7 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 8 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of a young man. 9 Happy is the man who fills his quiver full of them, They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

The main emphasis of power in the father decision is to be the primary spiritual leader in the home.

In the family unit, the father and mother are to properly train the children, and the children then become their influence within the culture of society. They have produced a number of children and trained them well.

The children are thinking biblically. "...They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate."

The gate is the place of power. This is where the courts would meet, the village would meet, this is the city council, and so there is opposition and this is where things would be adjudicated.

The idea here is they are able to stand against their enemies in the court of law because of the training that they have received in the family.

3. Spiritual education for children:

Children are to obey their parents.

Proverbs 1:8-9 (NKJV)

8 My son, **hear the instruction of your father** And do not forsake the law of your mother.

9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

Proverbs 6:20-23 (NKJV)

20 My son, keep your **father's** command And do not forsake the law of your mother.

21 When these commandments meet your heart, To shun around your neck.

23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light. **Reproofs of instruction are the way of life.**

Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)
13 Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
14 Because **narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life**, and there are few who find it.

God's high standard for the institution of the family, and its hierarchal structure :

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (NKJV)

18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey **the voice of his father or the voice of his mother**, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, **This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey.** 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones, so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear."

Deuteronomy 27:16 (NKJV)

16 "Cursed is the one who treats his **father or his mother** with contempt." And all the people shall say, "Amen!"

Exodus 21:15 (NKJV)

15 "Whoever strikes his **father** or his **mother** shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17 (NKJV)

17 "Whoever curses his **father** or his **mother** shall surely be put to death.

Teaching children reverence, by example:

Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

12 "Honor your **father** and your **mother**, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Leviticus 19:3 (NKJV)

3 Every one of you shall reverence his **mother** and his **father**, and keep My Sabbath: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:32 (NKJV)

32 You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.

Genesis 9:18-29 (NKJV)

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. 20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their eyes were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said, "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." 26 And he said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant." 27 May God enlarge Japheth; And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant." 28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

Due to Ham not hearing God, he saw Canaan degenerated father and became the father of the world.

Examples of reverence for God's methods, for the institution of family:

1 Kings 2:19-26 (NKJV)

19 Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king **rose up** to meet her, and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king's mother on the right of his right hand. 20 Then she said, "I desire some word of promise of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother; for I will not refuse you." 21 So she said, "Let Bathsheba the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife." 22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "How why do you ask Bathsheba the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also—for he is my older brother—for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah." 23 Then King Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, "May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against me; and I die!" 24 Now Bathsheba, as the Lord lives, who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house for me, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today." 25 So King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he struck him down, and he died.

2 Kings 4:7-14 (NKJV)

7 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 8 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 9 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 10 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 11 Then the king of Syria said, "Behold, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 12 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 13 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, so that this man should be able to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarter with me." 14 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 15 Then Naaman went with his horse and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 16 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 17 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 18 And now he has said to me, 'Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.' 19 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 20 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

4. Destruction guaranteed for the disobedient child:

Proverbs 20:11-17 (NKJV)

11 There is a generation that curses its **father**, And does not bless its **mother**. 12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, And is not washed from its iniquities. 13 There is a generation—oh, how filthy are their eyes! And their eyelids are stretched up. 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, And whose tongues are like knives, To devour the poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men. 15 The seah has two daughters— Give and Clasp! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough": 16 The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water— And the fire never says, "Enough!" 17 The eye that mocks his **father**, And scorns obedience to his **mother**, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

That is a picture of the destruction that comes to those who do not honour the values The biblical teachings of their father's and mother's generation. Those who reject the truths of their parents that are built on Scripture will self-destruct. And this is exactly what we are seeing in this nation, and even the majority of churches in this nation.

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Reverence and
Respect