

You're Teaching Them Honor – Bible Study

Proverbs 22:6 (AMP)

6 Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6:2-3 (AMP)

2 Honor [esteem, value as precious] your father and your mother [and be respectful to them] this is the first commandment with a promise

3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may have a long life on the earth.

One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities God can give us is the duty to raise Godly children. It is our job as parents to teach, train and support their nurturing, into the people God is calling them to be. Often, there are things that we adults assume our children already know. The problem is, if we haven't taught them, either they don't know, learned it wrong or learned it from the wrong person. Many of us are unaware, that more than what we say to them, our children are watching what we're doing in front of them. The behavior we model is either teaching them honor or dishonor. With this in mind, let's examine: **Your Teaching Them Honor.**

Psalm 127:3 (NASB)

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

People notoriously abuse things, when they don't discern the value. The value of the gift is not in how we got it. It's in who we got it from. The scripture says that children are a gift/blessing/reward from the Lord. When God wants to bless us, He brings people into our lives. When He wants to protect us, He allows certain people to leave. **We must realize that every child God allows to come into our lives is a blessing.** If you don't believe children are a gift, talk to someone who struggles to have one. Or, talk to someone who has lost a child. When we honor them and others, we're teaching them an important lesson.

1. You're teaching them to honor people.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NASB)

3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

God is a God of order. He gives everything and everyone an assignment. In many cases, we teach our children to dishonor assignment. It's difficult to fulfill an assignment I haven't been made aware of. We must teach our children that their assignment is not their decision. It's their discovery. In a family, each person has a particular role to play. Remember, everyone is valuable to the family. Our children display to the world the values, gifts, talents and anointings deposited in our family by God. **We must remind our children of the importance of honoring our family names.**

2. You're teaching them to honor assignment.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NASB)

3 There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven

It is our responsibility to teach our children the importance of time. **If you are consistently late in front of them, you are teaching your children to dishonor people's time.** It's amazing that people can find time for everything on their to-do list. But for some strange reason, the children don't even make it on the list. If your children need anything, they need some of your time. Here are some alarming statistics. There are 1440 minutes in a day. Most working women in the US spend 19 minutes or less talking to their children. Most working men in the US spend 7 minutes or less talking to their children. **If they aren't talking to us, then who?**

3. You're teaching them to honor time.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NASB)

11 My son, do not reject the [a]discipline of the Lord Or loathe His reproof,

12 For whom the Lord loves He reproveth, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Our children need appropriate discipline. Some of the things that were considered discipline, we actually abusive. Today however, some people are so concerned with being their child's friend, that they forget to be the parent. Additionally, it's difficult to expect our children to receive correction, if we are unwilling to receive it ourselves. There's an old adage that says, **"BEND A TREE WHILE IT'S YOUNG, SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO CUT IT DOWN WHEN IT'S GROWN UP."** David said, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The scriptures go further to say, "No discipline seems good for the present, nevertheless after a while.

4. You're teaching them to honor correction.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NASB)

4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Teaching our children the God kind of love is the best way to honor God. Many people don't say it. But they live like "I love you as long as you don't do that." Often, our children feel we've placed conditions, on our love for them. This keeps them from being transparent and honest with us. We must reassure our children that there's nothing they could ever do or say that would stop us from loving them. God gave us the greatest example of them all. **GOD KNEW WHAT WE DID AND HE STILL LOVED US.** While we were yet sinners, Christ died. He knew what we did, who we did it with and our plans to go back and do it all over again. Yet, He still loved us.

5. You're teaching them to honor Love.

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