

Living Connections Bible Study

What's My Attitude



Prayer:

Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

Icebreaker: Give examples from your childhood of how obedience to your parents resulted in blessings for you.

1. What does God reveal to us in the Bible? Ephesians 5:17; 2 Timothy 3:16

2. What is God's will for Christian families (including our church family) according to Ephesians 5:21, and what do you think this means? Philippians 2:1-5

3. How might a Christian wife set an example before her children and establish her own authority over them? Ephesians 5:22-24, 33

4. How does a Christian husband submit to his wife, and endear himself to her and to his children?
Ephesians 5:25-33

5. What happens in a society that does not respect and submit to authority?
Judges 21:25; Isaiah 3:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 1:28-31

6. How is rebellion like the sin of witchcraft and idolatry? 1 Samuel 15:23

7. What is the most important reason children must be taught to obey their parents? Ephesians 6:1

8. What is God's response when children obey? Colossians 3:20

9. What promise does God give to children who honor and obey their parents? Ephesians 6:2-3; Exodus 20:12

10. From a purely logical standpoint, why would obedient children live longer than disobedient children on average?

11. How does God reveal His will to children and teens? Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 1:8

12. What example did Jesus set for young people in His relationship to His earthly parents, and what was the result?
Luke 2:51-52

Think about it this week:

Read Proverbs chapter 4 and meditate on the instructions parents should teach to their children.

What wisdom can I as a parent or grandparent gain from this chapter that I can pass on to my children and/or grandchildren?

¹Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding;

²For I give you good doctrine: do not forsake my law.

³When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live.

⁵Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you.

⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

⁹She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you."

¹⁰Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many.

¹¹I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

¹²When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life.

¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil.

¹⁵Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on.

- ¹⁶ For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
- ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.
- ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart;
- ²² For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.
- ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.
- ²⁴ Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.
- ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you.
- ²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established.
- ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.