

Disobedient to Parents

Purpose: to show why parental disobedience is being attacked in our society and to encourage believers both to be aware and to live differently.

So far, as we have been considering the characteristics of people in these last days, we have seen that men will be:

...lovers of themselves...
...lovers of money...
...boasters, proud, blasphemers

On the surfaces, the next one may not seem to be such an issue, but it actually is:

2Ti 3:2 - For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy,

The bible tells us very clearly that children must obey their parents:

Exodus 20:12

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

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: **3** "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

But why is this such an issue? Three reasons:

#1 - Authority -the breakdown of authority in the family is the catalyst for the breakdown of authority in our society and ultimately causes a lack of respect and fear of God. God is our parent – when we disobey our parents, we are disobeying God. When we disrespect our parents, we disrespect God

Isaiah 63:16

Doubtless You *are* our Father,
Though Abraham was ignorant of us,
And Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, *are* our Father;
Our Redeemer from Everlasting *is* Your name.

Matthew 6:9

In this manner, therefore, pray:
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Romans 13:1,2

1 - Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **2** - Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Parental disobedience was punishable by the law with death:

Leviticus 20:9

'For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood *shall be* upon him.'

Deuteronomy 27:16

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

Matthew 15:4

For God commanded, saying, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.'

Proverbs 20:20

Whoever curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Proverbs 19:26

He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother
is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

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 our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' **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.

#2 - Instruction – our parents should educate us in the things that are most important – the issues of life:

Proverbs 1:8

My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;

Proverbs 6:20-23

20 - My son, keep your father's command,
And do not forsake the law of your mother.
21 - Bind them continually upon your heart;

Tie them around your neck.
22 - When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you;
And *when* you awake, they will speak with you.
23 - For the commandment *is* a lamp,
And the law a light;
Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,

Deuteronomy 6:6,7

6 - "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7** - You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

#3 - Prosperity – it will go well with you when you do it!

Deuteronomy 5:16

'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Proverbs 1:8,9

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.

Deuteronomy 27:16

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

Should we ever disobey our parents? Here are five important things to consider:

#1 – Once married, we are no longer under the direct authority of our parents.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

#2 - We should always show respect to our parents, even if they are difficult.

1 Samuel 20:30-34

30 - Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious *woman!* Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? **31** - For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." **32** - And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?" **33** - Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it

was determined by his father to kill David. **34** - So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

#3 – We must obey God over all others, including our parents.

Matthew 10:35-37

35 - For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW'; **36** - and 'A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.' **37** - He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Matthew 12:46-50

46 - While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. **47** - Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." **48** - But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" **49** - And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! **50** - For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

#4 - Parents must not use this charge as a means of manipulating their children.

Eph 6:4 - And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Col 3:21 - Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

#5 - The problem of disobedience to parents brings shame and a curse.

Proverbs 30:11

*There is a generation that curses its father,
And does not bless its mother.*

Proverbs 19:26

He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother
Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

Malachi 4;5,6

5 - Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

6 - And he will turn

The hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Summary:

- Parental disobedience is causing a breakdown in our society
- It is the reason why many do not submit to any authority and ultimately God.
- It is the reason why so many have not been instructed in the real issues of life.
- It is why so many of us are not experiencing the true prosperity that comes from God.
- We must respect our parents, but not be manipulated when they act contrary to God's ways or purposes.
- As parents, we are responsible to instruct our children in the way of the Lord, not just in what we say, but more so in what we do.
- When we do not obey, we bring a curse upon ourselves.
- This is what is happening in these last days, so we must expect it, yet not do as they do.