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Responsibility of Children to their Parents

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Exodus Lesson 9 "Freedom"
Exodus 12:31-33

PM Sermon:

Present your body as a Sacrifice
Romans 12:1 (Chuck Northrop)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Book of Acts – V. Smith

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Tulsa KWHB-47
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

Oologah Internet Radio Programs

Russ' Program on Friday's
@ 8am & 8pm

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@ 6:30pm & Thursdays @ 6:30am

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Children are a blessing from the Lord. The Bible says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psalm 127:3). God's word gives clear instruction to parents about how they should deal with their kids. In this brief article, though, we want to look at the other side of the coin: What responsibility do children have to their parents?

FIRST, CHILDREN NEED TO OBEY THEIR PARENTS. Surely all parents would agree this is the right thing for kids to do. But why is obedience to parents the proper course of action? Simply because God says it is! "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1). It is a pleasing sight for the Lord to observe kids obeying their dad and mom: "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (Colossians 3:20).

SECOND, CHILDREN NEED TO RESPECT OR HONOR THEIR PARENTS. The Lord's message to children is, "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise" (Ephesians 6:2). Of course, the opposite of respect or honor would be to disrespect or not honor them. Kids show disrespect for their parents when they say unkind things to or about them, mock them, or when they ignore their parents' desires or advice. Children also show disrespect for their parents when they are ashamed of them for no justifiable reason. This is wise counsel: "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Proverbs 23:22).

THIRD, CHILDREN HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE THEIR PARENTS. If you have read the Bible, then you probably noticed that Jesus wants us to love our enemies, our neighbors, our children, and our spouse (if married). In fact, the New Testament teaches us that the Lord wants us to love all men. For children, that would surely include loving their own parents. It is a beautiful sight to see parents demonstrate love for their kids. It is just as touching to see their kids show genuine love in return! Those who fail to do this are "without natural affection" (2 Timothy 3:3).

FOURTH, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR PARENTS. Due to health or financial matters that hinder aging parents, their children may need to help care for them. Children should be ready to do this, not seeing it as a burden but rather as an opportunity. The Bible says, ". . . let them learn first shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God" (1 Timothy 5:4) The word "requite" means to repay. When children are young, they are on the receiving end of their parents' tender care. There may come a time in the life of a child's parents when the child will need to step up and repay his/her parents by taking care of them. This would be part of what the Bible calls a child "serving" his/her father (Philippians 2:22), or what it calls "providing" for those of our own family (1 Timothy 5:8).

A family is truly blessed that has children who conduct themselves according to the principles of the Bible. These Bible principles need to be taught and practiced far and wide.