

20210620 The joy of honoring parents

Father's Sunday message

Ephesians 6:1-3

In our text, Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 1 to 3, we find three specific points on our attitude towards our parents.

One. The validity of our obedience to our parents. That is, why do children obey their parents?

Two. God's guarantee in our honoring the parents. That is, what is the significance of God's promise in our honoring the parents?

Three. The blessings hidden in honoring our parents. That is, what specific results do we experience as we honor our parents?

1. The validity of our obedience to our parents.

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2. God's guarantee in our honoring the parents. That is, what is the significance of God's promise in our honoring the parents?

² "Honor your father and mother" — which is the first commandment with a promise

Exodus, chapter 20, verse 12.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

(Deuteronomy, chapter 5, verse 16)

3. There are specific blessings hidden in honoring our parents.

³ “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

First one. Things are going smoothly with us in life.

Second one. We may enjoy long life on the earth.

Three points of today’s message.

- **Obedience to our parents in the Lord is right thing to do.**
- **Honoring our parents is the first door to God’s blessings.**
- **And honoring our parents makes our life go smooth and it makes us enjoy long life on the earth.**

These are the joy of honoring our parents.

APPLICATION

Three ideas.

One. Pray for our parents regularly.

Develop a habit of praying for our parents. Pray for their spiritual well-being. Their close and intimate relationship with God. Pray for their health.

Two. Spend time with them regularly.

To pray for them, we need to know what’s happening in our parents’ life. The best way to know that is to spend time with them. We can talk with them regularly. If they live far away, then call them and talk with them.

Three. Express our thanks and appreciation to our parents through cards or gifts.

Send your parents cards and gifts as you remember some special days to your parents.