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HAPPY GODLY
FAMILIES

What Do Parents Owe Their Children?

- Right Attitude
- Security
- Affection
- Time and Companionship
- Example
- Discipline
- Love

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- Nothing?
- Honor

You Should Honor Your Father and Mother Because

- They are your father or mother and
- God commanded it not because you think that they are good parents.
- It is good for you.
- Long life
- They know a lot more than you think.
- Later you will regret not doing so.
- Honor is character based not emotion based.
- To honor means to value.

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- Rules for Getting Along with Your Parents
 - *Be patient with them*
 - *Speak their language*
 - *Learn something about their interests*
 - *Listen to their concerns*
 - *Tolerate their underachievement*

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Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged...."



THE KEY TO A HAPPY FAMILY

Spiritual Mindedness



Is Yours a Happy Marriage? Family?

- Many are not
 - *More marriage end by divorce than death each year*
 - *40% of children born outside of marriage*
 - *50 million abortions since Rove V. Wade*
 - *Only 1/3 of children grow up in intact family*
 - *Declining marriage rates*
- World offers lots of techniques

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- *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

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- Build you life and your family on solid ground. *Mat 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

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- To be happy we must get priorities right. So set your mind on things above. Col 3:2

Carnal Mindedness is Death

- *Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,*
- No matter what you accomplish death comes!!
- There are many evidences of the emptiness of life without God.
- People long for purity.

“Ah, vanity of vanities! Which of us is happy in this world? Which of us has what he desires? Or, having it, is satisfied?”

William Thackeray Vanity Fair

Ecclesiastes 1:2

"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."

Ecclesiastes 12:13

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

Spiritual Mindedness is Life

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What Is Spiritual Mindedness

- It is obedience.
- It springs from a love of God.
- It is setting of the mind on God.
- It is not monasticism but purity in the world.

True of our Marriages and Families As Well

- Families devoted to God are blessed not those that use special techniques.
- God delights in His people (Isa 62:4; Psa 149:4)
- Just so we should delight in our families.
- There is little else in this life with such potential for blessing or woe.
- But it requires effort.
- It requires a godly attitude and life.
- Obedience is always the way to God's blessings,

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Jeremiah 38:20 Please obey the Lord in what I am saying to you, that it may go well with you and you may live.

Deut. 30:15-16 "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; [16] in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

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This is true in family as it is in every other area of life.
And is true for both this life and the life to come!