

Morning Lesson

WHY OBEY YOUR PARENTS?

Eph. 6:1-3

INTRO:

1. Do children need to obey just so it is easier on the parents?
2. What are the reasons?

I. IT IS RIGHT.

- A. God said it is right, so it is right. **Eph. 6:1**
- B. The only time it is wrong to obey parents is if they ask something that is against God's word. **Acts 5:29**
- C. God looks at disobedience to parents as a terrible sin. **Rom. 1:28-32; 2 Tim. 3:2**
- D. In the Old Testament, the death penalty was used for: **Deut. 21:18-21; Ex. 21:15; Prov. 19:26; 1 Tim. 1:9; Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Prov. 20:20; Prov. 30:17**
- E. Solomon said a disobedient child is a scoffer, a despiser, and a fool. **Prov. 13:1; Prov. 15:20**

II. IT EXTENDS ONE'S LIFE.

- A. Lives have been cut short because children did not obey their parents. **Eph. 6:2, 3**
- B. When one obeys his parents, he normally has good morals, healthy habits, self-control, and industriousness.

III. IT HELPS REPAY A HUGE DEBT.

- A. We should show honor to the man and woman responsible for raising us. **Rom. 1:14**
- B. Even a dog shows appreciation for the hand that feeds it. **Col. 3:15; Psalm 100:4.**

IV. IT BENEFITS THE CHILD.

- A. We can learn so much from our parents.
- B. They often taught us lessons only learned in the school of life.

CONC:

1. Solomon said that parental commandments and reproofs are light and the way of life. **Prov. 6:20-23**
2. As a military man is distinguished by his medals, a child is decorated by his obedience to his parents. **Prov. 1:8, 9**