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Sunday Night Prayer Meeting
Parenting in the Lord
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Points for raising children but must be adapted for the age of the child.

Honoring your parents is a command from God:

- It brings blessing and protection
- It takes maturity and strength
- It is not weakness
- Disrespect for a mother is serious before God (Proverbs)

Repentance is crucial for the life of a Christian

- Keeps one right before God
- Keeps one's relationships healthy

Every person has strengths and weaknesses

Obedying God's commands above will help you learn how to relate to others

Some supportive scriptures

(Note: the key is not to view scripture as simply bound to traditional top-down cultures. The word of God is living and active and can be rightly applied to parenting in modern culture enhancing the strengths of modern culture while remedying the weaknesses of modern culture.)

My son, never forget the things I've taught you. If you want a long and satisfying life, closely follow my instructions. Prov 3:1 (Living)

Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing. Eph 6:2-3 (Living)

Only a fool despises his father's advice; a wise son considers each suggestion. Prov 15:5 (Living)

A son who mistreats his father or mother is a public disgrace. Prov 19:26 (Living)

A rebellious son is a calamity to his father. Prov 19:13 (Living)

Discipline your son in his early years while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin his life. Prov 19:18 (Living)

My son, watch your step before the Lord and the king, and don't associate with radicals. For you will go down with them to sudden disaster, and who knows where it all will end? Prov 24:21 (Living)

My son, how I will rejoice if you become a man of common sense. Yes, my heart will thrill to your thoughtful, wise words.

Don't envy evil men but continue to reverence the Lord all the time, for surely you have a

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wonderful future ahead of you. There is hope for you yet!

O my son, be wise and stay in God's paths; don't carouse with drunkards and gluttons, for they are on their way to poverty. And remember that too much sleep clothes a man with rags.

Listen to your father's advice and don't despise an old mother's experience.

Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get.

The father of a godly man has cause for joy--what pleasure a wise son is! So give your parents joy!

O my son, trust my advice--stay away from prostitutes. For a prostitute is a deep and narrow grave. Like a robber, she waits for her victims as one after another become unfaithful to their wives. Prov 23:15-26 (Living)

My son, how happy I will be if you turn out to be sensible! It will be a public honor to me.

A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences. Prov 27:11-12 (Living)

But, my son, be warned: there is no end of opinions ready to be expressed. Studying them can go on forever and become very exhausting! Here is my final conclusion: fear God and obey his commandments, for this is the entire duty of man. Eccl 12:12-13 (Living)