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Instructions for Successful Living - Pt 3
Parents/Children

I. Children Obey your Parents

A. "in the Lord"

1/ Obey unless the parent requires sin

2/ "in the Lord" connects back to 5:21 "submit to one another out of reverence to Christ"

a/ as a Christian son/daughter your relationship to your parents is to be lived out as a worship (reverence) to the Lord.

b/ A Christian child must respond in a Christian way

c/ compare Col 3:17&24

B. "for this is right"

1/ correct thing

2/ "righteous" "bad" "cool" etc.

C. 1st Com. w/ Promise - Exo 20:12 /Lev 19:3

1/ applies to children of any age. (Mt 15:1-6)

2/ 2-part promise involving both inheritance & well-being of life

a/ Israel - Deut 6:1&2

1) live long (healthful living)

2) in the land (spiritual inheritance)

b/ current application:

1) go well with you - (health-well-being)

2) enjoy long life on earth - (your sphere while here)

D. Benefits of obedience & honor

1/ Deuteronomy 6:1&2 enjoy long life

2/ Exodus 19:5&6 a treasured possession of the Lord's

3/ Ro 6:16 obedience leads on to righteousness

4/ Luke 2:51&52 all around health & growth as an individual

II. Issues of the Heart

A. Obedience:

1/ Deuteronomy 30:17

B. Honor:

1/ Isaiah 29:13

2/ Matthew 15:8

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1/ Guard Your Heart - Proverbs 4:23-27

a/ vs 23a be diligent to guard your heart

b/ vs 23b life flows from within the heart

c/ vs 24 impacts your speech

d/ vs 25 impacts eyes (what comes in)

e/ vs 26 impacts choices (what you do)

f/ vs 27 ultimately this determines your path

D. Guard what goes in - Pro 4:20-22

E. Instructions to Timothy - 1 Timothy 1:5

1/ goal is love that comes from...

a/ a pure heart (guarding the heart)

b/ a good conscience (mouth, eyes, feet)

c/ a sincere faith (not left or right)