

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 28

The Year of Sowing – Family – Children Obey Your Parents

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6: 1-3 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: From the beginning, God has formed the structure of the universe, social institutions, families and the church to reflect the order and relationships in the Godhead. The relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is to be reflected in the relationships between husband, wife and children. Children are instructed to obey their parents, and this obedience is a form of honoring them. Colossians 3:20 states that this obedience is well pleasing to God. The idea is that obedience to parents is a part of what God wills and recognizes as the function of the children in the family. Fathers, mothers, and children all have a function in the family that is ordained by God. When children live in obedience to their parents, they not only insure blessings on their own lives (verses 2-3), but the family functions as it is supposed to, and thus becomes the available channel of blessing to the world in which they live. Obedient children bring honor to their parents, and honor to the God who instituted the family. As the family functions in this way, these strong families become the spiritual backbone of the church. If we understand these truths in the depth of our hearts, we will be eager to function in the family as God directs us. Our lives will be blessed, our families will be blessed, our churches will be blessed and society will be blessed. Blessed truths.

Day 1: Parents, take time this week to teach your children about the Biblical structure of the family.

Day 2: Read together the Scriptures that teach about the importance of obedience. Help your children to understand how this will be a blessing for them and others.

Day 3: Confess together any ways that your family has not been teaching or living this truth.

Day 4: Pray to for and with your children that they might learn to be obedient with a joyful heart.

Day 5: Pray for the children of your church to understand and live in obedience to their parents.

Day 6: Pray together for the children in other churches in your city to learn this Biblical truth.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to teach these truths to the children of their mission field.