

Building Bridges

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- Verses 5-6 show respect of a wife for a husband.
- Verse 7 shows respect of a husband for a wife.
- Verses 8-9 show respect of everyone for each other.

Respect – esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability, or something considered as a manifestation of a personal quality or ability:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/respect?s=t>

I. RESPECT WITHIN THE FAMILY

A. The Origin of the Family

- God created the family before He created any other institution.

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ...

24 Therefore shall a man leave his **father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife:** and they shall be one flesh.

Lu. 3:38 Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of **Adam, which was *the son* of God.**

- As our heavenly Father, God reiterates the value of familial relationship.

Mt. 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.** (Lu. 11:2)

Lev. 19:32 Thou shalt **rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man**, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

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2 **Honour thy father and mother**; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 **That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

- Our relationship, as children of God with our Father, is throughout the New Testament.

Gal. 4:6 And **because ye are sons**, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your **hearts, crying, Abba, Father**.

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

B. The Obstacles for the Family

Gen. 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And **the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ...**

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?** and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

- When problems arose, due to bad attitudes and action, God the Father intervened.

Prov. 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but **he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.**

- A child with a rebellious heart, like Cain, will disobey and disrespect his Father.
- A rebellious child must suffer the consequences of rebellious actions.

Gen. 4:11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, **My punishment** is greater than I can bear.

- Parents, following our Father's example, must discipline our children.

Prov. 3:12 For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth**; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Heb 12:6 For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Prov. 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

C. The Opportunities for Families

- Obstacles are opportunities to learn the value and ramifications of decisions.
- When parents are respecting each other, children have opportunity to learn to respect God's plan for a home.

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Eph. 5:28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.** He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

33 Nevertheless **let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself;** and **the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.**

- In honoring parents, children have the opportunity to learn to respect authority.

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Prov. 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.



- In honoring their children, parents have opportunity for teaching them to respect themselves.

Col. 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



- In honoring their siblings, children have the opportunity to learn to respect others.

Prov. 18:19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

Rom. 14:21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

1 Cor. 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.



Conclusion

- The family should be a bridge building respect to impact all of society.

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