Proverbs on Children's Responsibility in the Home

The apostle Paul quotes from the ten commandments at Ephesians 6:1-2 when he said that children are to honor, respect, and display reverence to their parents. Solomon establishes this Bible principle in the book of Proverbs. Children who are disrespectful and rebellious against their parents will not go unpunished. Solomon writes, "The eye that mocks at his father, And despises to obey his mother, The ravens of the valley shall pick it out, And the young eagles shall eat it" (Proverbs 30:17). Children today need to understand that disrespect and rebellion is sinful (see 2 Timothy 3:1-2). To roll your eyes at your parents as they try to instruct you is sinful. To sigh aloud as you are told do reasonable chores is sinful. To argue with parents when they tell you to do or not do something is sinful. God's great wrath will be unleashed upon the wicked young men and women who are disrespectful to their parents.

Children have the responsibility to listen and learn from their parents. The child that is willing to listen and give honor to his parents will gain much from this life and the life to come. Young person, develop a willing heart to receive instruction now before the days of your life pass you and you be found a bitter and rebellious individual (see Proverbs 1:8-9). Solomon writes, "He that refuses correction despises his own soul; but he that listens to reproof gets understanding" (Proverbs 15:32). If only children would seriously look to the consequences of their actions now before they make grave mistakes in life they would save themselves many heartaches (see Proverbs 15:11). Again, Solomon writes, "Whoso despises the word brings destruction on himself; but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded" (Proverbs 13:13). While the parent has the responsibility to teach the child about the consequences of wrong doing the child likewise has the responsibility to draw these same conclusions.

Another responsibility that Proverbs places upon children is the choice of one's friends. The most influential people in children's lives are their friends. Children who choose wicked friends will more likely try to be like their wicked friend rather than their wicked friend being like them (see Proverbs 28:7; 29:3). The apostle Paul writes, "Be not deceived: Evil
companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33). Remember, every word you speak and action you perform truly defines you for what you are (see Proverbs 20:11). It is one thing to say that you love and honor your parents and another thing to actually do this. Choose good friends and you will be good and bring happiness to the home.

Happiness in the Home is Contingent upon Obedience

Happiness in the home occurs when the father, mother, and children all know and keep their respective God ordained roles. The husband and father who exercises tender love toward his wife, the wife and mother who exercises humble submission to her husband, parents who conduct themselves tenderly and lovingly toward children, and the child who gives honor and respect to both parents makes for a happy home. Solomon writes, "A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother" (Proverbs 10:1).

Imagine a home where the husband and wife are not getting along and the children are rebellious. Solomon tells us that there is not much happiness in such an environment. The wise king writes, "A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping" (Proverbs 19:13). A man that does not have control of his home is a man with troubles (see Ephesians 5:22-25). Again, Solomon writes, "He that doeth violence to his father, and chases away his mother, Is a son that causes shame and brings reproach. Cease, my son, to hear instruction only to err from the words of knowledge" (Proverbs 19:26-27). Shame and reproach define the home where rebellion occurs. The Godly home with a rebellious son may experience a violent reaction on the part of the rebellious. Said children do not want to be told what to do and they grow weary of living under the same roof as their parents who set rules to follow. When a child lashes out at their parents they bring sorrow, shame, reproach, and grief to the whole family (see Proverbs 1:8; 4:13; 6:20; 10:1, 8, 17; 12:15; 13:24; 17:21). A child who is disrespectful to the parents instructions, chooses thugs, drug addicts, alcoholics, and the perverse of mouth as friends, and rejects discipline and reproof is a source of great heart ache in the home.

Conclusion:

Parenting is not an easy task. Being a parent involves great joy but there will also be times of great sorrow. Our objective, as parents, is to teach our children the value of wisdom, good friends, honor, and to correct them when needed. Achieving these principles will provide a home that is happy and one that all may speak of in the present or past with fondness. Above all, God will be pleased with both parents and child. Heaven will ultimately be achieved.

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The Christian's Identity

Introduction:

There is a clear distinction drawn between Christians and non-Christians in the Bible (like military and civilians). The Christian lives in the same world sphere as the non-Christian yet the Bible tells us that the sanctified are not “of the world” (John 17:14-16). This lesson shall examine the identity of the Christian, the distinction drawn between the saved and lost, and the Christian's responsibility to those of the World.

   A. Luke records, “The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). The Christian is one who “professes belief in Jesus as Christ or following the religion based on his teachings” (AHD 271)... “a follower of Christ” (Moulton 439). John identifies the Christian as a child of God at John 1:1-14.
   B. Those justified from their sins (Romans 5:1-2).
   C. Sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).
   D. Citizens of the Kingdom of God (1 Thessalonians 2:12; Revelation 5:9-10).
   E. Those who purpose not to sin (1 John 2:1)
      1. Doctrine (2 John 9-11).
      2. Life; i.e., Language (Ephesians 4:29), Dress (Exodus 28:42), and Friends (James 4:4).

II. A Distinction between the Christian and those of the World (1 Corinthians 1:1-3; 6:11):
   A. Jesus said that his disciples were not “of this world” (John 15:19; 17:14-16).
   B. The use of the world “world” in the Bible:
      1. Headed in a different direction than the Christian (1 John 2:15-16)
      2. Has its own wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:20; 2:6-8, 12).
      3. Teachings of world (Colossians 2:8, 20)

III. A People of Hope verses those of the World:
   A. Those of the world have no professed eternal hope.
   B. The Christian's hope is eternity with God (Romans 5:1-11).

Conclusion:

The Christian is a morally sound human being who is in the know. Let the Christian today change the world around them rather than the world changing them. We're Christians, what starts with us can change the world.