

CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Lesson 8

WHAT ARE MY DUTIES?

INTRODUCTION

- Why do we feel that children have no part in the plan of God? Do we leave them out because they are just so special and cute? Maybe we ourselves don't realize that they are in God's plan and His purpose. That's something to think about.
- **Children are the fruit of the home.** They are that bouncy ball of cuteness that we bring home. We clothe them, feed them, love them, and then wonder what have I gotten myself into. This happens in the Christian and non-christian home. Don't ever think that they are too small or too little to be a real part of God's plan.
- A child can also **upset the household by being ill tempered and fretful** or they can be as sweet as pie. Giving much peace and cheer to the household.
- Before this cute bundle of joy grows up and out the door, you have a job to do. **The job requires that you "teach", "instill", "pour into his /her spirit the rules of God and good manners.** We have to establish the fact the God gave this child to you to train and not for the child to have rule over you. Establish who will be the parent and who will be the child. Who's going to be in control?
- **Parents must love, Discipline and Teach their children the laws of God.** We can't wait until they get into trouble before we correct them. Do it early, from the crib to adulthood. They must always be teachable and willing to learn.

I. OBEYING YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (Eph. 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20, Proverbs 13:1)

A. Establishing Rules

1. Define Obey and Honor

2. Asking Why (Col. 3:20 & Deut. 21:18-21)

3. Who will teach me? (Deut. 6:6-7 & Prov. 22:6)

4. Unconditional Obedience (Gen. 22:1-9)

5. The Child Jesus (Luke 2:51)

B. The first Children (Genesis 4:1-16)

II. HONORING AND RESPECTING YOUR PARENTS

(Ephesians 6:4; II Samuel 18:3)

A. Honor Parents (Exodus 20:12; Matt. 15:3-4)

**1. Dishonoring/Disobedience (Romans 1:30-32;
Deut. 21:18-21)**

B. Respect Your Parents

1. Contentment (I Peter 5:5)

**2. Ashamed of Parents (Prov. 6:20;
Prov.13:1; Matt. 15:4)**

II. HONORING AND RESPECTING YOUR PARENTS (Continue)

C. Listen to Your Parents

(Proverbs 13:1; Proverbs 15:5; Proverbs 1:8-9)