**Parents**

**Everyone of us goes through this phase as described in rap song of years ago by Will Smith “Parents Just Don’t Understand”. As we grow older and the peer pressures and the need to be apart of the latest happenings, it seems as if our parents can be just the opposite. We often ask ourselves, have they forgotten when they were young? Are they trying to make us into and old person with no happiness and no fun? Did they not make mistakes? All I want is my time to have fun and make mistakes. Interesting enough, our parents were once youth and what they normally tell us not for their gratification but to help, inspire, guide and protect us. One of the first promises in the bible dealt with parents. Let’s see what the bible says about parents:**

[**Ephesians 6:1-4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6%3A1-4&version=ESV) **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

[**Exodus 20:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+20%3A12&version=ESV) **“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

[**Colossians 3:20**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A20&version=ESV) **Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

[**Ephesians 6:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6%3A1&version=ESV) **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**

[**Proverbs 1:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+1%3A8&version=ESV) **Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,**

[**Proverbs 30:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+30%3A17&version=ESV) **The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.**

[**Exodus 21:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+21%3A17&version=ESV) **“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.**

[**Ephesians 6:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6%3A4&version=ESV) **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

[**Proverbs 22:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+22%3A6&version=ESV) **Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

[**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+21%3A18-21&version=ESV) **“If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.**

[**Deuteronomy 5:16**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+5%3A16&version=ESV) **“‘Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

[**Hebrews 13:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+13%3A17&version=ESV) **Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.**

[**Leviticus 19:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+19%3A3&version=ESV) **Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.**