

Be Motivated To Obey



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“Children, obey your parents”

My loving Father and my loving Lord Jesus are protecting my freedom and they want me to have a full, joyful life

Ephesians 6:2-3  
Message

God promises good things to  
children who obey their parents

# Paul's method - Biblical parenting skill

Issue command

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Give reasons

Motivate

Obey your parents because it pleases Christ (6:1a)

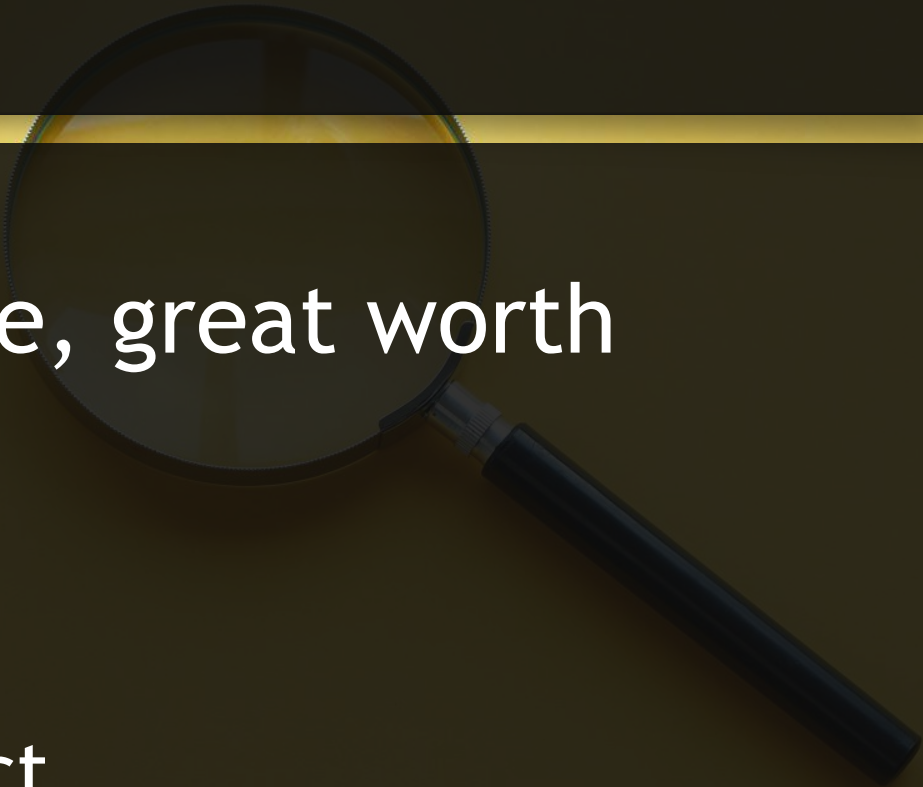
Christ considers your obedience to be righteous behavior (6:1b)

Be motivated by God's promise to you (6:2-3)

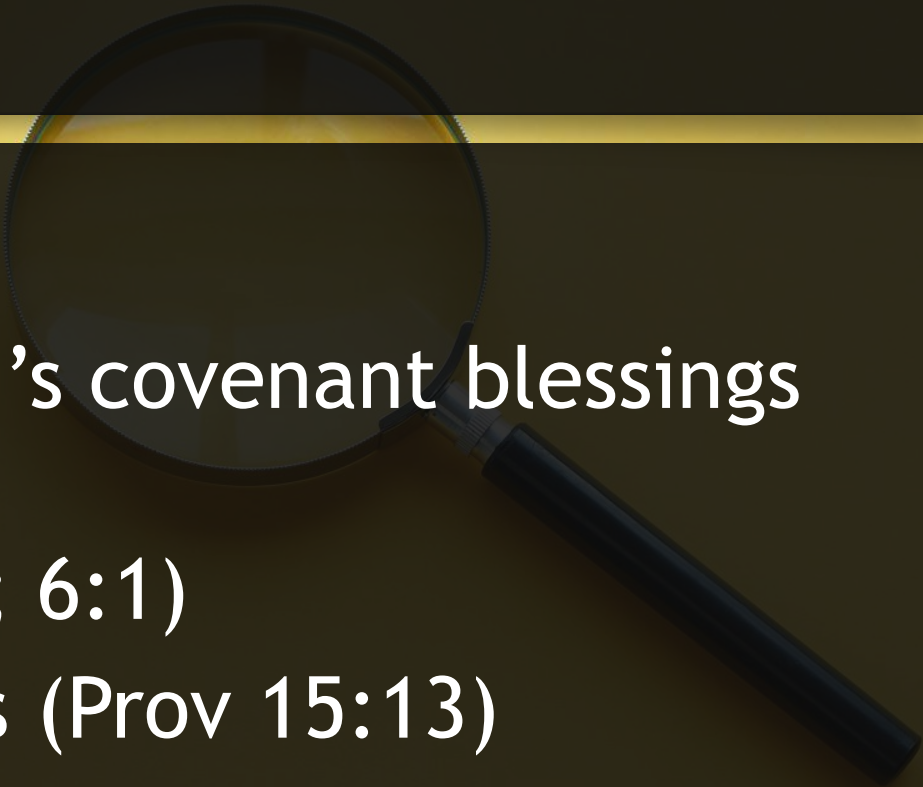
Children Living In The Presence  
of Christ - Eph 6:1-3



# “Honor”

- Consider it of high value, great worth
  - For a person:
    - Treat them with dignity
    - Hold them in honor
    - Show them great respect
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# “Going well”

- Prospering - receiving God's covenant blessings (Dt 4:40: Gen 32:9)
  - Pleasing to God (Eph 5:10; 6:1)
  - Having joy or cheerfulness (Prov 15:13)
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# Going well

Train wheel is designed to fit train tracks

You are designed to walk in line with God's word





# Going well with you

“the stability and discipline necessary to function well within the family and society...as a general rule, obedience and honor foster self-discipline, which in turn bring stability, longevity, and well-being”

Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 792

# Not going well with you

“disobedience and dishonor promote a lack of discipline, which in turn bring instability, a shortened life, and a lack of well-being”

Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 792

# Going well with you

“a family where children and parents live in mutual love and submission will have rich, God-given harmony and satisfaction that other families can never know”

“the believer who honors his parents can know that his lifetime will be the full measure God intends”

John MacArthur, *Ephesians*, p. 315



# Is long life guaranteed?

Obedience leading to a long and full life is “the usual course of providence”

John Eadie, *Ephesians*, p. 442