

## OBEDIENCE BRINGS LONG LIFE AND BLESSING.

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### Colossians 3:20

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

The apostle Paul quotes the old covenant in the law when addressing children, a fact seen in his parallel passage in:

### Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—

3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Passion** — 1 Children, *if you want to be wise*, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you.

2 For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the *Ten Commandments* with a promise attached:

3 "You will prosper and live a long, full life *if you honor your parents.*"

4 Fathers, don't exasperate your children, but *raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord.*

### 1. CHILDREN ARE SET APART, DEDICATED TO GOD UNDER OBEDIENCE TO THE PARENTS.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:14

14 For the unbelieving husband has been *sanctified* through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been *sanctified* through her believing husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

**Passion** - For the unbelieving husband *has been made holy* by his believing wife. And the unbelieving wife *has been made holy* by her believing husband *by virtue of his or her sacred union to a believer*. Otherwise, the children from this union would be *unclean*, but in fact, **they are holy**.

**Sanctified** – *hagiozo* – "*holy*" ...to separate from irreverent things and dedicate to God; to dedicate people to God. *Not, made morally holy, but affiliated to the Christian community - the family of the saints - in virtue of his being "one flesh" with his Christian wife.*

**1Cor. 7:16 -Passion** - ...And wives, for all you know you could one day lead your husband to salvation. Or husbands, how do you know for sure that you could not one day lead your wife to salvation?

### 2. THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS WITH US, NOW HE'S IN US.

#### Hebrews 11:39-40

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

40 since God had planned *something better for us* so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**Passion** - ... These were the true heroes, commended for their faith, yet they lived in hope without *receiving the fullness of what was promised them*. But now *God has invited us to live in something better than what they had—faith's fullness!* This is so that they could be brought to finished perfection alongside of us.

### 3. A CHILD'S OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS PROTECTS/COVERS THEM UNTIL THEY BECOME "BORN AGAIN."