

# Good Morning Holy Spirit

*Believe, Achieve and Succeed!*



## Children - A Reflection of Their Parents

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God's first command to the first couple, Adam and Eve, in Genesis 1:28 was, "Be fruitful, and multiply...." That was divine permission to produce replicas of themselves, little "Adams" and little "Eves". Unfortunately, they disobeyed God and became tainted by sin *before* bearing children and, as a result, all their offspring remain scarred by imperfection. In other words, the children of Adam and Eve, possessing the DNA of their imperfect parents, are reflections of their parents.

That trend is noticeable throughout society with families that produce doctors, politicians, farmers, ministers, lawyers, etc. They all seem to follow the footsteps of a long-gone ancestor who blazed the trail in that particular profession, proving that children are definitely reflections of their parents. Evidence suggests that even before birth children can sense tension, tranquility, love or hostility. An expert on the matter said, "Everything the pregnant mother feels and thinks is communicated through neurohormones to her unborn child, just as surely as are alcohol and nicotine." It stands to reason, therefore, that even an unborn child can be a reflection of the parents.

With that in mind, it is incumbent on Christian parents to set good examples and create Christ-filled homes for the upbringing of their children. God, Who established the home and knows that children are molded by their environment, gave strict laws to the newly-freed Israelites for the spiritual and physical upbringing of their children. He told them through Moses, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:7).

### Biblical examples

**An occupational reflection.** After their arrival in Egypt, Joseph presented five of his brethren to Pharaoh. "And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, 'What is your occupation?' And they said unto Pharaoh, 'Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers'" (Genesis 47:3). This proves that children imitate their parents, even in the area of occupation. *Continued on Page 2*



### A note to you....

Frustrating interruptions, intrusions and disturbances, whether from within or without, all have one specific goal in the life of a Christian—to distract and divert from the God-prescribed path. Every Christian must be prepared to effectively deal with and conquer these interruptions because they are supernatural in nature and powerful weapons in the enemy's arsenal.

The Apostle Paul gives the antidote to these unavoidable disturbances in Hebrews 12:1-2, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." The first recommendation is putting down the weight and pressures that come with these interruptions; secondly, exercise patience; and thirdly, remain Jesus-focused. If we do that, life's inevitable interruptions will not be overpowering but *will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace* – guaranteed!

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Shalom,

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**A spiritual reflection.** As a result of their continual disobedience after they settled in the Promised Land, God gave the children of Israel over to their ruthless, pagan enemies. Their repentance and return to Jehovah were always marked with words similar to 2 Chronicles 29:6, "For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God", indicating that for countless generations, the children of Israel were spiritually, the reflection of their parents.

**A moral reflection.** The sons of Eli, Hophni and Phenias, did not fear the Lord. They inappropriately handled the sacrifices to the Lord and, as a result, "Men abhorred the offering of the LORD" (1 Samuel 2:17). They also "Lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation" (v. 22). Then the Lord said to Eli, "Wherefore kick ye at My sacrifice and at Mine offering.... and honourest thy sons above Me?" (1 Samuel 2:29). Additionally, the Lord said of Eli, "His sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (1 Samuel 3:13). Obviously, the sons' misconduct reflected the moral laxity of their father, Eli, for scripture says that "he restrained them not."

**A respectful reflection.** Regarding the leprosy of Naaman, the young Israelite maid who was employed as a personal help to his wife said, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy" (2 Kings 5:3). Undoubtedly, reverence for the prophet of God was impressed upon her from childhood because, even in captivity, she remembered and respectfully spoke of the man of God in her country who would heal Naaman of his leprosy.

### Parents, take heed

It is the responsibility of parents (not Sunday school teachers, other relatives, siblings, friends or well-structured television programs) to mold their

children for a successful future. Praying and reading the word of God must be prominently placed on the family's agenda. Speaking of the goodness of God and the importance of faith should permeate the household. During crises, parents should set a good example and "run to the throne before the phone." They must obey the laws of the land. Remember, parents, "They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" (Job 4:8).

Parents, inculcate Christian separateness in your children with *honor, modesty and chastity* as their goal. Worldliness is costly and James 4:4 equates it with adultery. Genesis 34:1-2 relates, "And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her." Imagine this, Dinah, the daughter of the patriarch Jacob, went outside the sanctuary of her home to "hang out" with the non-Hebrew, Hivite girls, where she (and not one of her Hivite girlfriends) was targeted and defiled by prince Hamor. Yet Genesis 34:19 informs us that Hamor "was more honorable than all the house of his father." Undoubtedly, Hamor was devoid of the fear of the Lord for "By the fear of the LORD men depart from evil" Proverbs 16:6. Who would have thought that the "honorable prince" was a rapist? It only shows that "what you see is not what you see."

Parents must also set the example in caring for their physical bodies. The apostle Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Not only through the intake of scripture which is life, medicine and spiritual food, but also in physical food parents must exercise vigilance. Many are plagued by debilitating ailments, the results of poor eating habits which began while they were children at home. And even as adults they are stuck in the cycle of "bad diet" because they are the reflection of

their parents. A bad diet can result in sickness, defile the temple of God and negatively affect one's spirituality!

### Parents, your children are observant!

Parents, whether you believe it or not, your children are watching and memorizing your actions for emulation. Therefore, practice godliness at all times: (i) pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17); (ii) be thankful (Colossians 3:15); (iii) let no lies or gossip proceed out of your mouth (Ephesians 4:29); (iv) wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:22); (v) men, love your wives as your own bodies (Ephesians 5:28); (vi) love the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17); (vii) be slow to wrath (James 1:19); (viii) fellowship with and encourage other Christians (Hebrews 10:25); (ix) manage your time and money wisely (Proverbs 6:6-8); and (x) keep yourselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27). Your children are observant!

Recently, a 17-year-old from Long Island, N.Y., who was accepted at all eight of the most prestigious universities in the U.S. known as the Ivy League, said that *he wants to follow in the steps of his parents, both immigrants from Ghana, and study medicine*. Parents, remember, your children are watching!

If parents are determined to live by the principles laid down in scripture, they will pass on a good legacy to their children and the title of this article, "Children – a reflection of their parents", will not bring gloom and dread to their hearts for Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

**Shalom!**

# By the Word of Their Testimony...

I thank God for the Ministry of GMHS and all He is doing for His people. I have many testimonies, but just want to say that God answered my prayers for employment, good health and protection. I am confident that He will continue to meet all my other needs, in Jesus' name.

MU, Greensboro, NC

Let God be glorified for keeping me in this country for twenty years! I thank God that profitless hard work has ended for me. Since I became a partner of GMHS, I have purchased land and acquired a house in Ghana. I am also looking forward to visiting my family back home after such a long time. God has glorified Himself in my life.

Please rejoice and praise the Lord with me because my daughter passed her CPA exam. I thank God for the Ministry of GMHS.

Sister GA

I thank God for what He has done for me through GMHS. I was married for more than 28 years when my husband left me and our children and moved in with the woman next door. Our relatives and friends pleaded with him not to leave, but he did not listen. I received no support – financial or otherwise – from him. My health and the health of my children were severely affected. Through GMHS I was strengthened to seek additional employment and in the process received a \$2,000.00 check from the director of an employment agency, although no positions were available at that time. When I tried to thank her she said, "Do not thank me. Go and thank your God Who told me to give it to you. You will get a job as soon as a position becomes available." I thank God for His love to me and my children. He has given me peace and I am living without child support. He did not allow my enemies to laugh at me. My God has proved that He is bigger than my problems!

Sister in Queens, NY

Greetings to the GMHS Pastors and Ministers. I want to express my thanks for the blessings of this Ministry in my life. During my visit to a friend who was vacationing from Europe, he gave me \$4,500.00 as a surprise. Because of my vow, I am enclosing my tithe to the Ministry. My entire household is thankful for your prayers.

Sister O and family

I just want to thank you for all your prayers. You are my inspiration because, through GMHS, I receive the strength and desire to focus on God's victory. Thank you for helping me fight this maternal bloodline problem. I know that the God we serve is able and He will deliver me and my children.

Sister A

I participated in the most recent GMHS prayer program and two of my requests were that God would provide me with a new apartment and a change from evening shift to overnight shift. He has done it! I thank God for this prayer line.

Sister OO-NY

I want to thank God for the Ministry of GMHS. One of my prayers for the past eight years has been answered. My first daughter, who is over 30 years, recently got married. Glory to God Who is good.

SO, Georgia

I am happy to testify that Jehovah has been faithful -- He said that He would be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. The day before my son's court hearing, the District Attorney dropped all charges against him. You have no idea how GMHS has changed my life and helped me remain grounded in the word of Christ. Thank you for blessing my life through your Ministry.

SH, Kempton, PA

I cannot begin to tell you how much I have been blessed by listening to GMHS. My recent mission trip was a tremendous success. My prayers have been answered for both my children and grandchildren. I thank God for His goodness in my life.

MP, Bowie, MD

I want to testify that our Lord is really good. I previously took the nursing examination five times, but was not successful. As a result, my husband hates me and has ignored me for more than four years. I recently took the exam again and passed. I am thankful for all the prayers of GMHS. Thank God for the Pastors and Ministers of that wonderful program.

EO, IL

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## Prayer Points

- 1** O Lord, empower me to be the parent You created me to be, in the name of Jesus.
- 2** O Lord, give me divine wisdom to bring up my children, in the fear of the Lord, in the name of Jesus.
- 3** The rod of the wicked shall not rest upon my household, in the name of Jesus.
- 4** Worldly influences will not infiltrate my household, in the name of Jesus.
- 5** My children shall be for signs and wonders, in the name of Jesus.

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