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## GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE FAMILY

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’”*  
(Ephesians 6:1–3)

### Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	The Bible contains blueprints for a successful Christian family, including each individual's roles and responsibilities.
Knowledge of God	God is love. He is a God of order, and He honors those who honor Him.
Good Works	Sincerely honor our parents. Obey our parents from our hearts by learning to love them and fear God.

### A. Family Roles According to the Bible

1. *Husband and Wife (Eph 5:22–28)*: Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies, just as Christ gave Himself for the church. Wives should also submit to their husbands in the same way they submit to God with love.
2. *Father and Mother (Eph 6:4; 1 Tim 5:14; Tit 2:4–5)*: Fathers should bring their children up in the Lord and avoid discouraging them, while mothers are taught to guide the house so that their children can learn how to submit to God.
3. *Parent and Child (Deut 6:4–9; Ex 20:12; Eph 6:1–4)*: Parents are to teach their children to grow in the Lord by demonstrating the daily life of a Christian and raising them to keep the Sabbath. Children, for their part, should honor and obey their parents so that they can be blessed by God.
4. *Siblings (1 Tim 5:1–2; Ps 133:1)*: Siblings can be a great blessing, but being a sibling can be a challenging role. With effort, this relationship can become one of the closest bonds in our lives.

### B. Families in the Bible: Failures and Successes

1. *Abraham and Isaac (Gen 18:19; 24:1–8; 26:1–5, 15–22)*
2. *Eli and His Sons (1 Sam 2:12–17, 22–25, 27–36)*
3. *Timothy and His Family (Acts 16:1; 2 Tim 1:5)*

### C. A Christian Household

1. *God-Centered*: A God-centered home is a place where family members speak, act, and relate to one another in accordance with the Bible's teachings.
2. *Full of God's Love*: When a household is full of love, the home becomes a refuge where hurt family members can find peace, comfort, and healing.
3. *Full of Godly Discipline and Order*
  - a. *Spiritual discipline*: When a family diligently searches out the truth of the Bible, they can then measure themselves by the standards that will never change: God's standards.
  - b. *Family discipline*: Discipline may seem harsh and unjust, but it is an important way of teaching right from wrong.

The word “discipline” can be defined as training ourselves to be orderly in our conduct. When such discipline is integrated into our character, we will live according to God's good purpose.

### Life Application

1. *The Importance of Honoring Our Parents*
2. *The Foundation of Obedience*

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## Lesson 10 Homework Assignment

### God's Blueprint for a Family

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Ephesians 6:1–3):

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1. Explain what it means to honor our parents.
2. “Now no \_\_\_\_\_ seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ for the present, but \_\_\_\_\_; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)
3. Name one good example of a godly family from the Bible and explain why they are a good example.
4. What are three characteristics of a Christian household, according to the Bible?
5. What are two important prerequisites to learning obedience? Briefly explain why for each.
6. In what specific ways do I fail to honor and respect my parents? Write down how you will try to change this behavior from now on.