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# Coming Home to a Blessed Family Ephesians 6:1-4

A blessed family is one where Jesus is <u>RULING</u>, the parents are <u>LEADING</u>, and the children are in TRAINING.

Ephesians 6:1–4 (ESV) — 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

#### 1. <u>ASSESSING</u> – What did I <u>INHERIT</u>?

Proverbs 13:22a (NLT) — Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren ...

### The Four Family Types

### Type 1 – The Blessed Family

A blessed family is one where Jesus is ruling, the parents are leading, and the children are in training.

#### Type 2 – The Typical Family

Type 3 – The Troubled Family

Type 4 – The Tragic Family

It is imperative for us to make an honest assessment of where we have come from before we can begin to chart a course for where we want to go!

### 2. <u>ADDRESSING</u> – What am I <u>DOING</u> with my INHERITANCE?

We all choose which family we will become...

Truth: Everyone can have a blessed family!

### 3. <u>POSSESSING</u> – How can I have a blessed INHERITANCE?

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#### The Holy Spirit is within you to ...

- Guarantee you belong to Jesus ...
- Guard you against the deceptive lies of Satan ...
- · Guide you into all the Truth ...
- · Gift you with the power of God's Kingdom ...

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Ephesians 6:2–3 (ESV) — "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."

Respecting your parent's position opens the way for a blessed future

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Lead your children to obey and respect you by example.

See your children not where they are, but who they are to become.

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