

HONORABLE FATHERS

(Exodus 20:12) “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

(1 Samuel 2:30b) “...for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.”

Fear of the Lord - (Proverbs 15:33a) “The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom...”

Fear – yare: to revere, stand in awe, to respect.

(Proverbs 14:12) There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Humility – (Proverbs 15:33b) “...And before honor is humility.”

(Proverbs 16:18-19) Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Love for GOD!

(Deuteronomy 6:4-5) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Shema: means – hear or listen.

Heart – lebab: inner man, mind, will.

Soul – nepes: appetite, desire, self.

strength (might) – m'ōd: force, exceedingly, great degree.

With fear, humility, and love, a father is able to *train, instruct, model, and encourage* his children, in the Lord.

Teaching.

(Deuteronomy 6:2b) "...to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged."

(Proverbs 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

(Deuteronomy 6:7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Instruction.

"Teaching is "explaining" how something is done. Instruction is "telling" (showing) them how to do it."

(Ephesians 6:4) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Provoke: to irritate, exasperate, rub the wrong way or incite.

Model

(1 Corinthians 11:1) Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Encouragement – Psalm 44:1-3.

CONCLUSION:

(2 Peter 1:3) "...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue."

"My calling is not built on the location it's built on the destination." - Deion Sanders.

(Psalm 73:25-26) Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.