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## **Introduction**

Making your father and mother glad by your life is an inspired book written to children and youths on submission and obedience to parents and their leaders in the way approved by God. This book will open the eyes of many children and youths to God's word and commandment to them and will compel many to submit and obey their parents. God promises reward to children that obey their parents according to the will of God. The author also stresses that the scripture condemns anyone who obeys the instruction of parents, if such are contrary to the word of God.

### **Ephesians 6:1-3**

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

***2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)***

***3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.***

The book is written to promote godliness and holiness in children and young men and women in the church and in the society for the joy of God and their parents.

## **Proverbs 23:25**

***25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.***

### **Proverbs 27:11**

***11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.***

Youths who desire to please God should make this book a companion for regular reading. Parents should get this book into the hands of all their church and encourage them to read it. Families and churches can use this book as a devotional study or Sunday school manual.

May the Lord use this book to deliver many young lives from the hand of Satan in Jesus name.

## **Isaiah 49:24,25**

***24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?***

***25 But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.***

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***3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.***

This scripture is tied to obeying your father and mother in the Lord. Your obedience should be in areas that will make God happy with you and not in areas that will make Him sorrowful. Your father should not ask you to go and kill somebody or marry someone else's wife; neither should your mother ask you to go and steal someone's goods and you heed.

***Deuteronomy 13:6, 8***

***6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;  
8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:***

That is not obedience in the Lord. God is not happy with such assignments and in that case, you and your parents will be judged, because they have used you to do wickedness. However, in matters of legitimacy, things that are right, like “fetch me water, wash plates for me, go on an errand for me”

and so on; that is good and acceptable. Make them happy by doing that and they will bless you. Even if they do not pronounce blessings on you, God will certainly bless you. If you continue in this manner, it shall be well with you in life and many death situations will be averted over you for obeying God's word towards your parents.

***Matthew 15:4***

***4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.***

He that beats up father and mother is cursed. In fact, that child is wicked. Even if your father or mother abuses you or speaks evil against you, do not curse them. Assuming your father fights you, do not attempt to fight him back. The judgment for that is eternal death, unless you repent. Importantly, this is a commandment and God puts the blessings of life on children who are obedient to their parents. God as well curses those who are disobedient to their parents. The scripture makes it plain that parents are glad when their children behave well and are sorrowful when their children are stubborn.

***Proverbs 23:25***

***25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.***

## CHAPTER ONE

### THE WISE AND FOOLISH CHILDREN

#### ***1.1 The Character of the Wise and Foolish Children:***

##### ***Proverbs 10:1***

***The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.***

A wise child will make the father and mother glad and even his relatives and guardians. The neighbours will appreciate him and point him as a good example to their children. On the other hand, if the child is stubborn or foolish, he will bring pain and sorrow to his or her father and mother. Have you ever thought about this, that the scriptures always emphasize on the sorrow of the wayward child on the mother and not the father? The reason is because the father will automatically turn his back on that child, denying him as his child but rather putting the waywardness of that child on the mother to bear the shame alone. Unfortunately, the mother cannot deny him so easily like the father. She must shoulder the pain and the sorrow. King Saul in his anger against Jonathan said to him “**thou son of the**

**perverse rebellious woman,”**

***1 Samuel 20:30***

***Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?***

You should understand that a wise child is a child that behaves and performs well, and is well-spoken of in the school, in the society, and in the church. People do praise and hail a child for his good conduct and excellent spirit. While on the other side of the coin, if the child is foolish, the mother will live in shame and sorrow.

In the above text, was Jonathan's mother present? Not at all. What evil did she do for giving birth to Jonathan? It is because the son behaved contrarily to King Saul's interest. This made him abused and condemned the mother for giving birth to him. Here you can clearly see the weight and burden of blame that is being shifted to your mother all because of your disobedient and stubborn attitude.

#### **1.2 Characteristics of a foolish child**

A foolish child is he that despises his parents and

may curse or fight them.

***Proverbs 19:26***

***He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.***

The foolish child goes about making mockery of his parents and speaking evil against them at the slightest offence. He shows no regard to them; rather, he despises them. He is not of help to them neither does he bother about their cry for help. He does not obey their instructions, rather, he chases them away and put them to shame. Do not behave this way to your parents. Love and obey them and they will be glad that you are their son or daughter. God will bless you too.

***Proverbs 23:15-16***

***15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.***

***16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.***

This is a parent talking to the child; advising the child to submit to instruction of wisdom, to walk on the good path and to submit himself to God for a change of life so that God can make him peaceful,

happy and glad. Are you the type of child that always tell lies? Your good parents will want you to always speak the truth. God also will want you to speak the truth, even if you fear that it will hurt you. Speaking lies makes you a child of Satan.

***Isaiah 30:9***

***9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord:***

***John 8:44***

***44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.***

Some evil children beat up their parents to disgrace them or abuse them. There is a great judgment of God against such children in this world and in hellfire.

***Proverbs 30:11, 17***

***11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.***

***17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall***

*eat it.*

***Proverbs 20:20***

***20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.***

***Matthew 15:4***

***4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.***

Some children steal from their parents thinking it is not a sin. It is the same offence as stealing from somebody else.

***Proverbs 28:24***

***24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.***

There are children that will kill their father and chase their mother from the house because of their wickedness.

***Proverbs 19:26***

***26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.***

This kind of children are corrupt and have forsaken

the Lord. Satan uses them as instruments of evil and wickedness among men in the society.

***Isaiah 1:4***

***4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.***

***1 Samuel 2:12***

***12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.***

The situation looks more terrible and pathetic when the parents are ministers of the gospel: the society ordinarily would expect such children to be godly in their character, but Satan always try to corner them into his kingdom. That is why the children as well as their parents and the church need to pray for the deliverance of the children from the hand of Satan.

### **1.3 What God-fearing Parents desire for their Children.**

Parents normally instruct their children to live godly so that they can be happy. Christian parents go the extra mile to preach to their children to submit their lives to Jesus so that they also will be



holy, happy and inherit the kingdom of God in the end

***Proverbs 23:24-25***

***24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.***

***25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.***

When you are a good child, you make them happy. You may be the only child but how awful it is if you the only child is an armed robber. But imagine if the only child is a godly child: humble, respectful and well behaved, you will be more to your parents than 10 children, just like John the Baptist. Parents rejoice when they have good children. On the other hand, parents of bad children suffer reproach from people in their neighbourhoods, schools and in the church. People laugh and sneer at them.

Your mother is in continuous sorrow and bitterness because of your contemptuous lifestyle. With this attitude, many parents plead seriously with their children not to come around when they have visitors. Their dresses are evil and ungodly. Their appearance shows insanity. Their nakedness and indecency plague their parents and bring shame to them. Hence they desire in their prayer that their

children should be saved and delivered from indecent and irresponsible lifestyle that brings reproach to them.

Wearing short gowns, skirts, tight fitting dresses, ungodly hair do, bleaching, funny haircut, exposing your buttocks, wearing torn dresses, etcetera. are activities that bring shame to godly parents.

***Proverbs 27:11***

***11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.***

Therefore, be a good boy and a good girl. Do not allow evil reports about you to enter the ears of your parents for what you have shamelessly done in the school or society. Change your attitude so that your parents can have what to say to their accusers if they try to reproach them. Jesus also is calling you to come and follow His lifestyle.

***Proverbs 1:22-23***

***22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?***

***23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out My spirit unto you, I will make known My words unto you.***

God will bless your parents and your family if you co-operate with your parents to live godly and holy life.

**2 John 1-4**

*1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;*

*2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.*

*3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*

*4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.*

**1.4 Godliness and Wisdom are good for you**

**Proverbs 29:3**

*3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.*

**Proverbs 4:7-10**

*7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get*

*understanding.*

*8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.*

*9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.*

*10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.*

The word of God to you then is, give yourself to the life of truth, righteousness and holiness. Be godly and pursue wisdom. Be clothed with Jesus all the days of your life. Repent, and change the testimony of your life in the family, society and in the church. Make up your mind and change.

**1.5 Meditate on these words:**

**Joshua 1: 8**

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*Lay hand on yourself and say I make up my mind to*



*change today, I will no longer be wicked, I will no more be disobedient and rough in my life. I will bring good testimonies upon my life. People shall hear new things about me. My parents shall see the difference or changes in me. I will take away the anger from my father. Some of you are the reasons why your father and mother always quarrel, hence ponder on the words above and stop bringing quarrels between them.*

***Luke 15:17-24***

***17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!***

***18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,***

***19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.***

***20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.***

***21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.***

***22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on***

***his hand, and shoes on his feet:***

***23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:***

***24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.***

After you have repented, it will do you good if you maintain righteous and holy life. join a true fellowship of God's children to learn godly teachings from the word of God.

***2 Timothy 2:22***

***22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.***

***1 John 1:3-7***

***3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.***

***4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.***

***5 This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.***

***6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:***

***7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,***

*we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*Col 2:6-8*

*6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:*

*7 Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

*8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF SOME UNGODLY CHILDREN**

#### **2.1 Examples of Children that Brought Sorrow to their Parents**

The Bible gives us an account of some children that brought sorrow and shame to their parents. We shall consider five of them:

##### **2.1.1 Dinah**

*Genesis 34:1-7*

*And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.*

*2 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.*

*3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.*

*4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.*

*5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the*

***field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.***

***6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.***

***7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.***

Jacob and his family were moving to the Promised Land, so they came to a land where they camped there for a while. Then Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, went to play with the children of the land. She went, definitely unknown to her people. But that day she did not escape. They got her and defiled her in immorality, and locked her up with the man. The report got to her parents that Dinah had been deflowered. What a sorrow to her mother and to Jacob the man of God. The only female child amongst his twelve sons.

***Leviticus 19:29***

***29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.***

How painful it was to the brothers! It grieved them much. You think this immoral act you engage in, is a simple or light thing? It is a pain and an embarrassment to your parents and to the church. Yet this is what many youths do to corrupt themselves and bring God's judgment upon the church and their families.

***1 Corinthians 5:1, 2***

***1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.***

***2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.***

For instance, a case was brought to me of a boy that came to the 2019 international youth conference from Gwagwalada, Abuja, Nigeria, and a girl who came to the same conference from Port Harcourt, Nigeria. How they knew themselves is beyond me. I was told they went to the nearby bush to commit immorality. Although I was aware that our security personnel flogged them mercilessly and the boy was sent away from the camp. But you can imagine how this untoward act has brought sorrow and shame to their parents. I instructed that the girl

should be handled appropriately and chastised for bringing disgrace to her parents. Take note of this: if you see anyone engage in this dastardly act or any form of sin, to bring shame and disgrace to the camp and people of God, the person should be rebuked and reported for appropriate action to be taken because the conferences held or organized in the name of God as well His camp should not be defiled with immorality or other sins whatsoever, for the presence of God is always with His righteous children.

**Deu 23:14**

*For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that He see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.*

**Eph 5:3-7**

*3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;*

*4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.*

*5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of*

**Christ and of God.**

*6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

*7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.*

**Prov 31:2-4**

*2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?*

*3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.*

*4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:*

The devil has poured down the spirit of immorality upon the human society and even the church of Christ. Various kinds of sexual immorality are being practiced by young ones; this include: Masturbation, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, incest, bestiality sodomy, etc. Youths these days engage themselves in pornography and sexual films to arouse themselves. There is also child fingering and child abuse. The glory of marriage is highly reduced as many run into it because they have abused the privilege. Many come to the marriage altar already defiled and pregnant to the shame of their parents and defilement of the church. God will judge them for all these except they repent. You who fear God,

remove yourself from this kind of life. Do not join them. Do not seek for a wife or husband among these kinds of youths. Walk with God in righteousness and look to Him for all your needs. Serve Him with all your heart and He will bless you.

**2 Corinthians 6:14-18.**

***14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?***

***15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?***

***16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.***

***17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,***

***18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.***

**Isaiah 1:16-20**

***16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do***

***evil;***

***17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.***

***18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.***

***19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:***

***20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.***

**2.1.2 Simeon and Levi**

These were two sons of Jacob who were prone to anger and cruelty. They were always interested in fighting other children and going for tribal war. Jacob lived in fear for the repercussions of their lives. There are children like this who are always troublesome and naughty. The police have often been called on several occasions regarding their misbehaviour.

**Genesis 34:25-30**

***25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon***



*and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.*

*26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.*

*27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.*

*28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,*

*29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.*

*30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.*

Some children engage in smocking and taking hard drugs. Some are into great evils in the society, such as murder, assassination, armed robbery, rape etc. They are the social miscreants and political thugs. They engage in kidnapping for fast money. They will want to make friendship with you and make

you join them. They engage in sensual and devilish or worldly music. Keep yourself far from them. Do not join their company nor desire their gains. They will soon disappear by death and divine judgment into everlasting fire.

*Proverbs 1:8-19*

*8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

*9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.*

*10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*

*11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:*

*12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:*

*13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:*

*14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:*

*15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:*

*16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.*

*17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.*

*18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk*



*privily for their own lives.*

*19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.*

You can imagine the repercussion of waywardness as portrayed in the above verses of the scripture. You are enjoined to run away or desist from evil company and character.

*Genesis 49:6*

*O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self will they digged down a wall.*

Some children are like this. Your parents are weeping, even cursing, because of the humiliation you are bringing to them in the society by your wayward life.

Eli lamented until he died because of the evil behaviours of his children in the house of God. God killed his children because of their wicked life.

*1 Samuel 2:12,17,22-25, 34*

*12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.*

*17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very*

*great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.*

*22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.*

*23 And he said unto them, why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.*

*24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress.*

*25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them.*

*34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.*

Reject this wicked living. Turn away from those cursed boys and girls and follow Jesus.

*Psalms 119:59, 101*

*59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.*

*101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy word.*

### **2.1.3 Esau**

#### ***Proverbs 23:19***

***19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.***

The marital union of Esau with a Hittite woman was not in consonance with his parents' wish. He married anyhow to the grief of his father and mother.

#### ***Genesis 26:34-35***

***34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:  
35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.***

What Esau did was a grief of heart to Isaac and Rebekah. His decision and the way he went about his marriage was unbecoming, just like most youths are doing today.

#### ***Genesis 27:46***

***46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good***

### ***shall my life do me?***

Rebekah was not happy at what Esau did and complained about it to Isaac, she feared that Jacob might do the same thing if not restrained. Some people will even prefer to go and marry Muslims, knowing fully well that they do not recognize Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour. Others marry terrible people despite God's warning. Meanwhile, your parents who frequently attend others' wedding are waiting for your turn to come, only for the tide to change. If at your turn, it is discovered that you are already pregnant before the wedding, what a calamity and grief will that be to them!

#### ***Job 3:25***

***25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.***

#### ***Proverbs 15:20***

***20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.***

Your parents will be disappointed and ashamed to hear that their honourable son has impregnated a lady and will no longer wed with her in the church. To make matters worse, in some countries outside Africa, like Europe and America where the Bible

has been turned upside down, it is the parents that submit to their children and not the other way round. 'They told the children in school to report their parents to the police if they beat them so that they will never touch them again.' This is said to be done in obedience to 'Child Rights Laws.' For instance, a woman was talking to her 8-year-old child, and she had to speak out loud because she was suffering from partial deafness. The daughter was not aware of it. So, she spoke in a loud voice to her little daughter who rather was provoked at her. Being ignorant of her hearing impairment, the daughter phoned the police. The police came in to the house to the shock of her mother. The woman asked the police what they had come for. They replied that someone had called them from the house. She wondered who the person could be, since the woman and the daughter were the only persons in the house. Then the police asked the child whether she was the one that called them. She admitted and said she was the one that called because she did not like the way her mother was shouting at her.

This attitude is quite common amongst children living in the western world because of the morally corrupt and ungodly system in place. Notwithstanding, parents should not be afraid of

this. They should follow the commandments of God and the principle of the Bible. Sincerely, where it requires flogging, the children should submit to their parent's chastisement as God commanded them. Do not report your parents to the school, the police or government for beating you. If you escape your parent's punishment because of your stubbornness, God will take over your punishment which may end up in hellfire. The scripture has given the parents to train up their children in all forms of godly chastisement so that they will grow in the fear of God

**Proverbs 22: 6**

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

**Proverbs 29:15**

*15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.*

**Proverbs 23:13,15**

*13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.*

*15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.*

### 2.1.4 Micah

Micah was a thief. He stole money from his mother. The mother made enquiry concerning her money, but he hardened his heart towards it. Then, she began to rain all manner of curses on the person that took the money. In fact, the cursing became so much that Micah had to return the money instantly.

#### ***Judges 17:1-2***

***1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.***

***2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my son.***

Many boys and girls go the way of stealing to the grief of their parents. They start gradually from the home and graduate into big time robbers in the society. Some parents even prefer their children to remain in prison to being at home because of the humiliation they receive from them.

### ***Proverbs 28:24***

***24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.***

Apart from that, there are many sins that go with stealing, like smoking, drunkenness, and immorality. Many of these children have been empowered by the spirit of stealing. They steal against their will and have no power of their own to stop the practice. Only Jesus can save them and deliver them from that power. Young man, believe in Jesus; call on Jesus. Cry to him to deliver you.

### ***Romans 7:19-25***

***19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.***

***20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.***

***21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.***

***22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:***

***23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.***

***24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?***

***25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.***

Some children of pastors even put their parents to shame by stealing the church money that their parents keep in the house. This is an abomination which should not be found among the children of God.

***Jeremiah 4:22***

***22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.***

***Proverbs 17:25***

***25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.***

The Lord is calling you, and I am pleading with you to stop your evil life and give your life to Jesus Christ so that your parents will be glad, your generation will be proud and happy about your godly lifestyle and you will make heaven at last.

***Acts 16:30-31***

***30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?***

***31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***

Seek deliverance in a righteous church. Seek prayers for your deliverance. Only true and righteous ministers of God can pray and break the yoke of sin or ungodliness in your life.

***Isaiah 10:27***

***27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.***

### **2..1.5 Hophni and Phinehas**

The sons of Eli Hophni and Phinehas were evil children. The Bible calls them the sons of Belial, that is, children of Satan. They were vigorously serving the devil and defiling the holy temple of God. They were greedy, adulterous, covetous and sinners. They corrupted the service of God to the grief of their father. This brought divine judgment upon them and their father. God saw Eli as a weak man; one that could not exercise his authority against the wicked acts of his children. Instead of removing them from the service of God, he behaved ordinarily towards them as they continued



to desecrate the temple of God.

***1 Samuel 2:12, 17, 22-24***

***12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.***

***17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.***

***22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.***

***23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.***

***24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress.***

That was a weak voice without action. Due to their untoward attitude, many were no longer coming to the temple to render service to God. This is exactly what is currently happening amongst the children of the pastors. The devil is drawing close to them to fill them with all evils and cause grief to their parents. Children of pastors should know that the devil wants to use them to shame their parents and destroy their ministry. As a child of a pastor, contribute to the ministry of your parents through godly living and by resisting the devil. Avoid evil

friends and those the devil sends to you to achieve his purpose. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

***James 4:7***

***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.***

## **2.2 Examples of Children that made their Parents glad**

The bible also gives us an account of children that made their parents glad. Some of the include the following-

### **2.2.1 JOSEPH**

***Genesis 37:1-16***

***1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.***

***2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.***

***3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his***



*children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.*

*4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.*

*5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.*

*6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:*

*7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.*

*8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.*

*9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.*

*10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?*

*11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.*

*12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.*

*13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.*

*14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.*

*15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?*

*16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.*

Joseph was a child of joy to his parents. He demonstrated a godly attitude always, which earned him the coat with many colours by his parents. He was a righteous boy who hated iniquity. He reported the ungodly acts of his brethren to their father not in criticism but for their salvation. The godliness of Joseph brought joy to his father

*Proverbs 23:24, 25*

*24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall*

*have joy of him.*

*25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.*

Young man, young woman, make your parents glad by your character. Live a different lifestyle from that of other children in your society, and do not follow the multitude to commit sin. Be of God, Love God, and all about Jesus Christ. Be zealous in the church, serving God.

*Proverbs 24:21*

*21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:*

*Proverbs 23:15-16*

*15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.*

*16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.*

Note the following about the godly life of Joseph:

*Genesis 39: 5-12*

*1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of*

*the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.*

*2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.*

*3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

*4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.*

*5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.*

*6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.*

*7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.*

*8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in*

***the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;***

***9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?***

***10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.***

***11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.***

***12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.***

From the above verses, we observed that:

- i. The favour of God was upon Joseph. The Lord was with him.
- ii. Joseph was a hardworking and a successful youth.
- iii. Joseph was a blessing everywhere he was.
- iv. Joseph was a godly youth who feared God and hated sin.
- v. Joseph endured persecution and hardship

without complaints.

- vi. God highly exalted him.  
God will do so to you too, if you learn to live a godly life.

### **2.2.2 RUTH**

Ruth, a daughter -in- law to Naomi was raised up as a daughter to Naomi before her husband died. She was young, godly, industrious, and caring. She cared for Naomi. She was so caring that people could see it and praise Naomi. With this in mind, Naomi became interested in her marriage directing her on what to do. Naomi was impressed by her life style.

#### ***Ruth 3:1-10***

***1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?***

***2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.***

***3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.***

*4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.*

*5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.*

*6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.*

*7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.*

*8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.*

*9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.*

*10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.*

It is a common thing in the world that there are boys that enchant girls with satanic power, through herbalists or (witch doctors) to trap the opposite

sex. Our women (especially the female youths) should learn from Ruth in order to avoid youthful lust. Ruth cannot be trapped by that. For you to be a victim of satanic power, you have to be available for that to happen. Ruth was not going about chasing young men because of marriage, even though she had married before and knew what it was to meet with a man, yet, she still kept herself under subjection in righteousness.

***Ruth 4:13-15***

*13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son.*

*14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.*

*15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.*

The love Ruth showered on Naomi was better to her than seven sons. Your love to your parents should be a comforting and unconditional love. Doing so, you are better to them than seven sons. A blessed child indeed! People saw and could testify of how Ruth loved Naomi; Can people testify of you like

that concerning your parents? Are you a lover of your parents or a troubler of them? Speak good words to your parents, fill them with the thought of a good future through you. Treat your parents with genuine love and patience. Do not be like Ham that saw his father's nakedness and began to laugh. It is embarrassing to do so. Rather act like Japhet and Shem, in an honourable and reverential manner, and you will be blessed.

***Ruth 4:20-22***

***20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,  
21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,  
22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.***

From the line of David came Jesus. See the honour of Ruth. She became one of the great grandmothers of Jesus! True honour and greatness of life comes from Jesus.

**2.2.3 DAVID**

David was godly and had the anointing of God on him. He was a youth and had the key of Israel's victory in his hands. One thing that was clear about David was that he loved the Lord fervently. He composed so many songs for the praise and worship of God. His love and commitment to God

provoked so much love from God to him.

***John 14:23***

***23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.***

David kept the commandment of God and was blessed by God. He did not engage himself in the worldly music or songs as the youths do nowadays. Instead, he used his talent to sing praises to God, his Creator. In short, Israel learned so much songs from him by the anointing of God on him.

***Acts 13:22***

***22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.***

***2 Samuel 23:1-3***

***1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,***



***2 The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue.***

***3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.***

He was a valiant man, a warrior. In his youth he defeated Goliath and the people cheered on him and his parents for raising such a valiant child.

***1 Samuel 17:55-58***

***55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.***

***56 And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is.***

***57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.***

***58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.***

David was overwhelmed by the victory, but Saul was deeply interested in knowing whose son he was that defeated this giant. Note that when you do

good, people will be interested in knowing you to the joy and happiness of your parents. Therefore, avail yourself to be a good and wise child. Who knows, you might be the solution to the nation's troubles tomorrow!

***Proverbs 23:16, 19, 24***

***16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.***

***19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.***

***24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.***

***Proverbs 27:11***

***11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.***

David still remains an inspiration to the world today in the scriptures. Live a godly life and be an inspiration to humanity.

## **2.2.4 ESTHER**

Esther was an obedient child who submitted the leadership of her life to her parents. She was a lady



who did not value the use of cosmetics for artificial beauty. Her obedient spirit rewarded her with the highest position amongst women. She became the queen of the kingdom, her husband's people prospered, and her people experienced great salvation and deliverance through her.

***Esther 2:8-9, 15***

***8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.***

***9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.***

***15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.***

The materials Esther used for her dressing and adornment were not the ones sinful women used for their cosmetic beauty. Esther chose to live naturally and preferred the glory of God that followed inward beauty.

***1 Peter 1:3-5***

***3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

***4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,***

***5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

The glory of the Lord covered her tremendously. Due to her natural appearance, she received divine favour. This was because she received good home training. She was submissive to the instructions of Mordecai without arguments.

***Proverbs 1:8***

***8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:***

***Proverbs 4:9***

***9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.***

Esther maintained the spirit of parental obedience, even up to her marriage. This brought blessing and deliverance to her and her people.

***Esther 2:20***

***Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.***

Some people like to argue with their parents and pastors, even if what they are being taught is clearly from the scriptures. Some children are difficult to correct. They feel they know everything already, because of their pride. God deprives such people true knowledge.

***Proverbs 26:16***

***The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.***

***Luke 10:1-24***

***1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.***

***2 Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.***

***3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.***

***4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.***

***5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.***

***6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.***

***7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.***

***8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:***

***9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you***

***10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,***

***11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth***

*on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*

*12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.*

*13 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.*

*14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.*

*15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.*

*16 He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.*

*17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.*

*18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

*19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

*20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice,*

*because your names are written in heaven.*

*21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight.*

*22 All things are delivered to Me of My Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.*

*23 And He turned Him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:*

*24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

The above verses show the actual and/or possibility of the stubbornness of man, especially the children or the youth, that Satan could harden their hearts against the truth or word of God. It is dangerous, for God's judgment upon such recalcitrant youth or children will be grievous, for they hear the truth and hardened their hearts.

Esther was a humble woman. That was why she rose to the position of a queen. She was not

appearing naked as many ladies do today. She was obedient and was in submission to her parents and to the word of God. This is exactly what defines the greatness of a person. God determined the husband Esther should marry according to the plan God had for her. God has a suitable person for you to marry according to His will. If you are humble and obedient as Esther, you will meet your marriage partner at the appointed time.

***Jeremiah 29:11-13***

***11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.***

***12 Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.***

***13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.***

Many boys and girls spoil their destiny through ungodly marriage which is outside God's plan. Be like Esther. Marry in God's will and bless your life, your family, your society, the church and the entire world!

**2.2.5 TIMOTHY**

Timothy's life is a model for youths who desire to go into ministry and succeed in it. He was a trainable child. He was a goodly boy to his father and a helper to Paul the apostle in ministry. After the ministry of Paul, he continued the work of God as his successor.

***2 Timothy 1:5-6***

***5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.***

***6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.***

The family submitted to God and Paul's ministry. Paul testified of the godly training inculcated into Timothy by his parents. He saw it as a gift and a treasure that will help spur his ministerial work.

***Philippians 2:19-22***

***19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.***

***20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.***

***21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.***

***22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.***

Paul said, Timothy was unique even among others. He was completely submissive. He was much concerned about the affairs of Jesus. He was zealous for the things of Jesus. He yielded fully to it. We are looking for people like this that are fully committed and dedicated to the work of God in righteousness and truth. He was fully acquainted to the doctrines of truth, righteousness and holiness.

***2 Timothy 3:15-17***

***15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

***16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

***17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***

Timothy was an example of a life of righteousness and holiness to others. (both young and old)

***1 Timothy 4:12***

***12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.***

The likes of Timothy are highly needed for end time revival of holiness worldwide: young men and women in Christ that will preach the truth and be an example in practical godliness are needed for the work of God.

***Deuteronomy 30:15-20***

***15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;***

***16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord Thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.***

***17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;***

***18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.***

***19 I call heaven and earth to record this day***



*against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

*20 That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.*

The summary of it all to both children and youths is: the Lord set before you this day good and evil, blessing and cursing, life and death. On the right-hand side are: obedience to God, submission to parents, doing good to them, making them glad and eternal life at the end. On the left-hand side are: evil, cursing, wickedness, stubbornness, rebellion, death and hellfire at the end. However, if you want to continue in your wicked lifestyle, the choice is yours to make, and the decision is yours to take. But I counsel you to choose good, blessing and life so that people can speak good of you and so that the church, your parents, and the society can be impacted positively and richly by your godly life. Amen.

**HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY  
WORLDWIDE  
(a.k.a) HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT  
WORLDWIDE (HOREMOW)**

**The Aims and Objectives**

HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of



the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).

5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).

6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).

7. To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the churches of Christ in the world. (Romans 17:17).

8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every Nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials of the ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36; 2 Cor. 8:1-7).

9. To translate or interpret ministry materials into as many local, national and international languages as possible. (1 Cor. 14:9-13).

10. To place the Ministry's book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. (1 Cor. 9:18-22).

11. To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

12. To establish Bible colleges where believers and ministries can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2).

13. To have camp grounds in various quarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church. (Colossians 1:28, 29).

15. To mentor Churches registered under the ministry on sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local Governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration. (Philippians 4: 8, 9; Hebrews 13:17)

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HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLD-WIDE (a.k.a) HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE, is a non-denominational Ministry given to the promotion of biblical Righteousness and Holiness in Churches and Nations of the world through Crusades, Conferences, Revival meetings, production and spread of Holiness literature and materials. The membership of the MOVEMENT is open to all that love to live a Righteous and Holy life and to spread same in their churches, Christian communities and nations.

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