

Experiencing God's Promises for Our Children

- **Day One. Passing on generational favor**

Exodus 20:5-6 I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Try the prevenient grace exercise Dave mentioned in the message. On a piece of paper, put a stick figure of yourself in the middle of the page. Then draw arrows to yourself and label all the influences God has brought to bear on your life. Perhaps use another sheet with arrows from you to show how God is using you as an instrument of grace in others lives.

Pray. Thank God for the ways the previous generation has brought the grace of God into your life. Ask God to make you an instrument of his grace in the lives of your children and others.

- **Day Two. Spreading a sanctifying fragrance**

2Corinthians 2:14-15 But thanks be to God, who... through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

How is God using your presence in your home to “sanctify” it? What effects are your attitude, example, instruction and prayer having? Are there areas where the Holy Spirit needs to be given freedom to “spread” his influence *in* your life so that he can “spread” his influence *through* your life?

Pray. Give the Holy Spirit more control of you and ask God to make you a sweet fragrance of his presence in your home.

- **Day Three. Walking in the way**

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Evaluate your use discipline, instruction, and example to “set the course” for your children and grandchildren.

Pray. Ask God to show you where you can be more effective. Ask God to enable you “use up” every opportunity for positive training and to keep your children from wandering off the path.

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The Power of God’s Promises #6

Exodus 20:4-6; Acts 2:38-39; Proverbs 22:6

1. **Generational _____: _____ it on.**

Exodus 20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Matthew 5:45; Genesis 12:2-3; Deuteronomy 10:15

Romans 9:4 ...Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the **promises**. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Romans 9:6 ...For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel... 8 it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.

Galatians 3:6 Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ 7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.

Ephesians 2:11-19 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth... were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the **promise**.... But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ... Consequently, you are... fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household...

Blood of Abraham

Blood of Christ

John 1:12-13 "Yet to all who **received** him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

Ephesians 1:3-14; Ezekiel 18:5-20; Psalm 103:17

Jukes Family

Edwards Family

2. Household _____: _____ it around.

Genesis 18:19 "For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just..." Exodus 12:3; Genesis 7:1; Joshua 6:25; 2Samuel 6:11; Joshua 7:24-25; Jeremiah 23:34; Luke 19:9; Acts 10

Acts 16:29-34 "The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.' Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family."

Acts 16:14-15; 1Corinthians 1:16

Acts 2:38 Peter said: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The **promise is for you and your children** and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

1 Corinthians 7:12-14 ... If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. Acts 16:1; 2Timothy 2:14-15; 1Peter 3:2; James 5:16

2Corinthians 2:14-15 But thanks be to God, who... through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

3. Individual _____: _____ it up.

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Train: *Hanak* = dedicate, set aside, narrow, hedge, start (Deuteronomy 20:5; 1Kings 8:63; 2Chronicles 7:5; Daniel 3:2)

Way: demands of conduct, life stage / proper course, godly living (Proverbs 4:26; 6:6; 14:2)

Old: chin hanging down (Genesis 18:12; 27:1; 1Kings 1:1; 1Samuel 2:22)

Discipline:

1Corinthians 9:25 NLT All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

Proverbs 23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Instruction:

2Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Example:

1Timothy 4:12 ESV Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.