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HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such **a great cloud of witnesses**, **let us** throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And **let us** run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2 fixing our eyes** on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3 Consider him** who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

MALACHI 4:5-6

5 "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

CHILDREN:

HONOR RELEASES INHERITANCE

We will have an inheritance
from what we consistently honor

We will have no inheritance
from what we consistently dishonor

PSALM 78:3-6

3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

4 We will **not hide them from their descendants**; we will **tell the next generation** the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which **he commanded our ancestors to teach their children**, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and **they in turn would tell their children**.

1 PETER 5:5-6

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

PARENTS:

TRUST RELEASES HERITAGE

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We will have a heritage
from what we consistently believe in

We will have no heritage
from what we consistently doubt

EPHESIANS 6:4

Fathers, **do not exasperate** your children; instead, **bring them up** in the **training and instruction** of the Lord.

It does not mean parents cannot consistently correct a child, but that parents are not to create a situation where the child feels hopeless and despairs of ever doing anything right. This is a problem where the source of the conflict is **the heart of the parent** rather than **the behavior of the child**. Parents cannot justify unloving behavior and chronic criticism under the cloak of helping their child.

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The notion that a father had any obligation toward a child simply did not exist in non-Jewish elements of ancient pagan society.

As a result of the prevailing attitude, many unwanted or despised children were exposed at birth to the elements, wild beasts, or other forms of horrible death.

COFFMAN'S COMMENTARIES ON THE BIBLE

COLOSSIANS 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

A Roman father had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves, work them in the fields, even in chains. He could take the law into his own hands (he was the law), punish as he liked, and even inflict the death penalty on a child!

WILLIAM BARCLAY, THE LETTERS TO THE GALATIANS AND EPHESIANS

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HAVE
YOUR HEART TURNED?**

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