

Hope in Your Home

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But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

The Bible and the Family

- “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12).
- “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).
- “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6).

Traits of Healthy Families

- **Have an atmosphere of reverence and love for God and respect and love for one another.**
- **Have loving and godly parents and obedient and respectful children.**
- **Possess living grace and positive hope in life that can face challenges.**
- **Pass along the Christian faith in truth and in character to their children and their grandchildren.**

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- The reason for hope – what the Bible teaches
- The reality of hope – what hope looks like in the home
- The responsibility of hope – what type of people should we be

1. The Reason for Hope: Christ is the Holy Lord

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3-5).

1. The Reason for Hope: Christ is the Holy Lord

- The resurrection of Christ proved it
- The presence of the Spirit moved hearts and minds
- “In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy”
- *Hagiazó* in Greek, meaning to “make holy”
- “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17).
- A heart-felt attitude of highest respect for Christ and for His Word in the home.

2. The Reality of Hope: God's Grace in Your Family

- Sins are forgiven in Christ. Grace is our daily reality – His mercies are new every morning (Lam 3:22-23).
- “But the path of the righteous is like the light of the dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day” (Prov 4:18).
- “Just as I was with Moses, so will I be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you” (Joshua 1:5-6).

God encourages us...

- With strength
- The Lord gives us the strength we need for our challenges: “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned” (Rom. 12:3).

God encourages us

- With grace
- Believers can grow past their failures: “For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity” (Proverbs 24:16).

God encourages us

- With words
- Be careful with your words: “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Eph. 4:29).

3. The Responsibility of Hope: Character Issues

- “...yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil” (1 Pet 3:16).

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How to encourage your child

- Let them know they are valued and respected.
- Teach them to value and respect others.
- Give them responsibilities.
- Affirm them when they do something right.
- Restore them after disciplining them.
- Help them to grasp a vision of a special future.
- Be there for them when there are setbacks.