

sermon notes

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Four Biblical Principles for the Son-In-Law & Daughter-In-Law:

- 1) Parents and in-laws are to be _____
(Exod 20:12; 21:17; Lev 19:3; Deut 5:16; Prov 30:17; Eph 6:2–3)
- 2) Parents and in-laws are to be _____
(Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5; Eph 5:31)
- 3) Parents and in-laws are to be _____ as they age
(Matt 15:4–9; Mark 7:9–13; 1 Tim 5:3–8)
- 4) Parents and in-laws are to be _____
(Prov 1:8; 6:20; 10:1; 16:31; 20:29; Isa 3:5; 2 Tim 3:1–5)

Four Biblical Principles for the Father-In-Law & Mother-In-Law:

- 1) Keep _____ spirituality in front of your children
(Joel 1:2–3; Ps 78:2–8)
- 2) Don't _____ your child's _____
(Eph 6:4; Col 3:21)
- 3) Be _____ when offering _____
(Prov 10:19; 18:13; 18:21; 29:11)
- 4) Don't _____ the _____
(Matt 19:3–9; Mk 10:2–9)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

How does the parent/child relationship change over time? How does marriage change that relationship? What are some ways that you have shown honor to your parents or parents-in-law since you’ve been married?

Why is it necessary that parents are left (see Gen 2:24; Eph 5:31)? What problems can arise if children maintain an unhealthy attachment to their parents? What are some practical steps that you can take to prevent these problems?

Why is it important to let young couples work through problems themselves in their marital relationships? When and how do we step in when a relationship becomes unhealthy? Why does the exchange of money become so problematic between parents and their children?

GET PERSONAL

What are some ways that relationships with in-laws can be a blessing? How can you encourage your parents (on both sides) to bless and influence your marital relationship? If you are a father-in-law or mother-in-law, what are some ways that you bless your married children without being intrusive? What are some ways that you are tempted to be intrusive?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read the “Four Biblical Principles for the Son-In-Law & Daughter-In-Law” above. Which of these four principles is the most difficult to obey in your relationship with your in-laws?

Read the “Four Biblical Principles for the Father-In-Law & Mother-In-Law” above. Which of these four principles is the most difficult to obey in your relationship with your kids and their spouse? If your children aren’t married yet, start praying for their future spouses. Ask God to help you implement the suggestions here.

ADVANCED QUESTION

How does common grace factor into a relationship between a saved son-in-law or daughter-in-law and an unsaved father-in-law or mother-in-law? Should the counsel of an unsaved parent be heeded? What are the limitations of common grace?