

Day 1: Respecting Others

Let's be honest, respecting others can be difficult. They might have a differing opinion than you, maybe they have done something to hurt you in the past, or maybe honestly you just don't think they deserve your respect.

Not wanting to show certain people respect is a normal human feeling, but it is not the attitude that God wants us to have. God made us all in His image and even people that we find it hard to get along with are made in the image of God! So you may be wondering, "How can I show respect to those I don't want to?" and that is a great question! A big part of showing respect to others is looking at them the way Jesus looks at them (or the way He looks at you!). He sees us as a child (1 John 3:1), a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), chosen, beloved (Colossians 3:12), and His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10). When we see others for who God says they are, it becomes a little easier to respect and love them, despite their flaws.

Read: 1 Peter 2:17, and Romans 12:10

Q: What does respect mean to you?

Q: What is the difference between love and respect? How are they correlated and how are they different from one another?

Q: Why do you think respect is such a difficult thing to live out?

Q: Why do you think God wants us to respect others?

Pray: Ask God to show you someone in your life who you could be better at respecting. Take some time to just pray for that person, and pray for God to help you love, respect, and honor that person.

Day 2: Why We Should Extend Respect (part 1)

In order to extend respect, a vital component of our worldview must be that others have inherent value. From a biblical standpoint that value is derived from the fact that every human being has been made in the image of God. To be created in the likeness of God informs our understanding and purpose of our existence. In a culture that often devalues others, to be created in His image ascribes worth and value to each and every human being! Our worth, our value, our significance is found in the importance God places on us, not in our personalities or skills. For to be created in the image of God means that we not only have the ability, but privilege of relating to and serving God.

What do these verses say about God's view of humanity and the significance of being made in the image of God?

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 9:6

Isaiah 43:7

Ephesians 1:11-12

James 3:9

Q: Did God need to create man? Why or why not? What purpose did God have in creating humanity?

Q: When was the commandment "Thou shalt not murder" given? How does this potentially alter how you view the 10 commandments?

Q: Think about being made in the very image of God. What does that tell you about yourself? What does it tell us about others?

Q: How does the image of God inform and motivate one's reasoning for extending respect?

Day 3: Why We Should Extend Respect (part 2)

Dignity is the state of being worth of honor and respect. The fact that each person is made in the image of God has profound impact on how we view and treat others. Bias, discrimination, exploitation, racism, sexism, classism, and ethnocentrism have never been ok with God.

What do the following verses say about the dignity of humanity?

Deuteronomy 10:17

Romans 2:11

Galatians 3:28

Ephesians 2:14-18

Q: How do you guard your heart against becoming prejudiced in the way you view others?

Q: To whom do you feel our culture lacks in extending dignity?

Q: How should the church respond to the issue of racism that is swelling in our country?

Q: Often our experiences and exposures form a bias against others. Are there any specific groups of people that you may be predisposed to have a bias against?

Q: What is one step that you can take to more closely align how you see others to the way God sees them and to fight for a group of people who are not receiving the dignity and respect that they are due?

Day 4: Respect For Those Who Think Differently

In Romans 14, Paul is writing to a group of people who are very different and unique. He was writing to people of diverse backgrounds. There were Jewish Christians in the Roman Church who believed that some of the Old Testament ceremonial laws were still binding on New Testament Christians. They were fighting among themselves about whether certain foods (v.1-3) or certain days should be observed (5-6) or not. Though these arguments most likely sprung from questions about the continuity of the Mosaic Law, this correlates to a discussion on how Christians of different convictions about non moral/non revealed matters should handle their differences.

Read Romans 14

Q: What principles can we take from this passage about respecting others who think differently than we do?

Q: Why do you think God wants us to respect people who think differently than us?

Q: Why do you think it is difficult to respect people who think differently than you?

Q: Do you want people who think differently from you to respect you? Why?

Q: Do you think there is value in interacting and respecting people who think differently than you? Why?

Q: How can you better respect people with differing opinions this week?

Day 5: Respect for our Leaders

Jesus makes it clear throughout Scripture that we are supposed to respect our leaders. But what if these leaders don't think like we do? What if they are not followers of Jesus? What if I just don't like them? As followers of Jesus we are called to love and respect others, even those we do not like or agree with. Read today's verses as we explore what it looks like to respect our leaders.

Read Romans 13:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Jeremiah 29:4-7, & Acts 5:27-29

Q: Christians should lead the way in showing respect to our leaders. How can we live out this respect?

Q: God is in control despite imperfect people ruling an imperfect government. We too are imperfect people, yet God still chooses to use us. How can/could God use corrupt people and nations to rule in a positive way? Are there occasions when we are told not to obey our authorities, if so, when?

Q: Christians should work for the good of their city and country. What are some practical ways we can be salt and light to our city and country?

Q: Christians should lead the way in praying for our leaders. What are some specific prayers that leaders of our country need? How does prayer help our mindset around this election?

Pray: Take the time to pray for the leaders of our cities and nations!

Day 6 – Walking Humbly with Each Other

To respect others well, we must first put on an attitude of humility. The apostle Peter says that God is opposed to the proud but to the humble, He extends His grace. Peter says we are to clothe ourselves in humility and gives us some markers for this kind of humility. This kind of humility is willing to follow good and godly leadership, is eager to consider others' needs first, will trust God's plan, and will cast its cares on God because we really do believe that God cares about us.

Read Micah 6:8, 1 Peter 5:5-7 & Philippians 2:1-11

Q: What does it mean to walk humbly with God? Why is humility an important trait in order of showing respect to others?

Q: C.S. Lewis states in Mere Christianity: "If we were to meet a truly humble person, we would never come away from meeting them thinking they were humble. They would not be always telling us they were a nobody (because a person who keeps saying they are a nobody is actually a self-obsessed person). The thing we would remember from meeting a truly gospel-humble person is how much they seemed to be totally interested in us. Because the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less. Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself."

How have you seen this to be true in your own observation?

Q: Do you find yourself willing to follow and respect good and godly leadership? Why or why not?

Q: Are you eager to consider other's needs first? How does this influence our ability to extend respect?

Day 7: Extending Grace to other races

Racism dishonors the Image of God in others. Racism is not just a skin problem; it is a sin problem. Racism is a problem that discounts the life Jesus lived. It disregards His desires for His church. It also distorts the picture that we will one day see in Heaven. We are called to be ambassadors of reconciliation and we can celebrate differences without demanding sameness. As we seek to understand ourselves and the racism that lives inside of each of us, we seek to pursue understanding of others to live differently.

Q: What has been your personal experience with racism, racist thoughts or racist attitudes?

Read Acts 17:24-28

Q: What does God say about the origin of humanity and race in these verses? What does God say about His purpose behind creating the nations? Practically speaking, how may a diversity of peoples cause men to seek Him?

Q: Racism is not a skin problem, but a sin problem. What is at the root of racism? How can we begin to assess whether we have racist thoughts?

Read Ephesians 2:11-18

Q: How is the word 'peace' being used in this passage? How was peace achieved? To whom is peace given?

Q: Describe the relationship between Jews and Gentiles. How did the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ break down the wall of hostility?

Q: How does racism disregard His command for His church?

Q: How does unity and peace among believers of different races effectively convey the gospel to an unbelieving world? How does a lack of unity and peace hinder the gospel message to an unbelieving world?

Q: What does it look like for you personally to pursue a deeper understanding of other races?

Day 8: Extending Compassion to the Vulnerable

When Jesus looked upon those who were hurting, oppressed, poor and marginalized, what did He feel? The gospels testify to His concern for those that were ostracized by the masses. He healed the sick, fed the hungry and met many physical needs. He has called His people to live life out of the overflow of the love that we experience from God himself. What do the following verses say about compassion toward others in need?

Matthew 9:36

Matthew 14:14

Matthew 15:32

Matthew 20:24

Mark 6:34

1 John 3:16-18

Q: What do you notice about the way Jesus feels when He is confronted by the needs of others?

Q: Where did Jesus' motivation for serving others come from? Where does our motivation for serving others come from?

Q: How do you guard your heart against becoming calloused in regard to the needs of others?

Q: How do these passages speak to the issue of immigration? Refugee resettlement?

Q: What opportunities to care for the vulnerable and extend respect (in the past and also presently) has God placed in your path?

Day 9 – Why and How We Should Work

“How do I view work?” This question is significant because many of us may hold wrong underlying assumptions about work. Today there seems to be an attitude among Americans, Christians and non-Christians alike, where work is seen as a necessary evil, a fork in the road on our drive to contentment. It seems that our culture and society tell us that we should try to work as little as we have to, and retire as soon as we can. When we open the first few pages of scripture, we find just the opposite. The God of the Bible is a worker. From the creation of the world until today (John 5:17) God is at work. In paradise, the garden of Eden, the first responsibility that God gave to man was to work. Work has always been a part of God’s plan, it is not a result of the fall. Work has dignity because it is something that God does and because we do it in His place, as His representatives. Though work neither began or ceased with the fall, it took a different shape. Man was originally a gardener and the curse turned him into a farmer. The truth of the matter is that today work includes pain and frustration.

Read Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:17-19, 2 Thessalonian 3:6-12, & 1 Timothy 5:8

Q: Many people, Christians included, consider work a negative thing. How would you try to argue against that using Genesis 1-3?

Q: Why do you think Paul gives this warning to the church? Would the same warnings be true of today’s church?

Q: What obligation do followers of Christ have to their family?

Day 10: How do I earn and show respect at work?

How does God view my work? What is most important to us about work may not be what is most important to Him. Where we work and how much we make may be the most important things for us in reference to work. God, on the other hand, is concerned about what I do, where I am. Colossians 3:23-24 gives us three truths about how God views my work. The first is that God desires each of us to work with all of our heart. Regardless of the circumstances, God's standard for all work is excellence. The second is that we should work with God as our boss. Ultimately our work should be done unto the Lord and not for men. Lastly, we should work with the end in mind. Our work on earth has eternal significance and we will be judged by the faithfulness with which we do our jobs on earth. Working in a manner like this will earn and show respect to others.

Read Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Corinthians 10:31, & 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Q: What does it mean to do your work for the glory of God?

Q: What does it look like to work with all your heart? Do you typically do, why or why not?

Q: What does it look like to work for men? How can I better work as unto the Lord?

Q: Are you a hard worker? How does working in this manner earn and display respect?

Day 11: Understanding Gender

God is the author of life. God created both male and female in His image. He created male and female differently, as a reflection of who He is. God made both male and female in His image. To be created in the likeness of God informs our understanding of what it means to be human and the purpose of our existence as male and female. When God created two separate and distinct genders, He also instituted different roles for each gender. He designed men and women to be distinct and different.

What do these verses say about God's view of humanity?

Genesis 1:26-27

Isaiah 43:7

Q: Why do you think God created both male and female?

Q: Why is it significant that both have been made in the image of God?

What do the following verses say about sin and how has it affected the image of God?

Romans 1:18-32

Romans 5:12-17

Ephesians 4:24-32

Q: How might sin mar our view of what it means to be a man?

Q: How might sin mar our view of what it means to be a woman?

Q: How does and did sin impact our relationship with God?

Day 12: Women in the Eyes of God

In 1 Peter 3:3-4 Peter says, “your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles, and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” The Bible places an emphasis on beauty within women that is inward rather than outward. Why is that? God knew that women could easily become focused on outward appearances, but God wants us to know the importance of what is on the inside. God wants us to focus our time and energy on making our hearts look more like His, so that we can further the gospel and help make Jesus make sense. He wants us to dig deeply to find the reflection of Himself that He has placed in each one of us.

Read: 1 Peter 3:1-7, Galatians 5:22, & Isaiah 53:2

Q: Do you truly believe that beauty is inward like Peter is saying?

Q: How does a woman cultivate the kind of beauty Peter is describing?

Q: What is the difference between the kind of woman the world tells us to be and the kind of women highly esteemed in Scripture?

Q: How can one move from an utmost concern with outside appearance to conviction regarding inward beauty?

Day 13: Men in the Eyes of God

A man is called to be a servant-leader – to take responsibility for others and to put their needs ahead of his own. This view of leadership paints a picture contrary to how the world views it. Men are called to demonstrate selfless, sacrificial love – the type of love we see in God toward His children.

A part of leadership is to provide protection. At times it may mean ensuring physical safety for your family and loved ones around you. It may also mean discipling your children and passing on wisdom and teaching them to avoid the snares of this world. Protection can be reactive as well as proactive. It may take the form of “dating” your daughter so that she knows what to look for in a boyfriend. It may take the form of being careful of the influences that your children are exposed too. Men are called to protect, to the best of their ability, against evil and harm.

Read Proverbs 4:10-15, Proverbs 18:10, Proverbs 29:25, Psalms 34:17-18, & Ephesians 6:10-18

Q: What does it look like to trust God for your protection?

Q: What fears do you have for your family/friends?

Q: We can never fully evade evil or harm, but how can you proactively protect against these fears?

Q: In what ways have you armed your family against the schemes of the devil?

Day 14 – Men Respecting Women

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 & Ephesians 5:21-33

In this passage, Peter identifies three things that show up in the lives of husbands who hope in God and allow that to impact their marriage. First, Peter says they “live with their wives.” Seems at first glance like an insignificant statement, yet we often hear from women how they long for their husbands to show up physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Second, this husband will work hard to know his wife. Literally Peter says to live with her in a way of knowing or understanding. He will look to know her heart, her fears, her ambitions, her curiosities, her dreams, her hurts. Many men are lousy leaders because they never take the time to really know their wives. Finally, he says these husbands will consistently honor their wives. That means we need to treasure their differences and treat them as equals. He tells these men to honor their wives as the weaker partner but as heirs with them in this life! It is so significant for husbands, that if we do not treat our wives this way, God says it will directly affect our prayers. WOW. God says if you do not treat my daughters with respect, show up and look to know them, don’t expect your prayers to be unaffected!

Q: What are three observations about the role of husbands from this passage? If you are a male, which do you believe is hardest for you to exercise?

Q: What aspects of the roles of husbands look “alien” and “foreign” to our current culture?

Q: How, in your opinion, does a 1 Peter marriage serve as a testimony of God’s love to the world?

Q: How do you think our culture teaches men to treat women? How does God say we should?

Day 15 – Women Respecting Men

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 & Ephesians 5:21-33

Today, our focus is on Peter's address to wives. He says that this living hope will impact wives in three ways. Wives whose hope is in God will follow the leadership of their husbands. Peter instructs these wives to be submissive to their husbands. Wives who have their hope in Christ can willingly submit to the God given role their husband has as a leader and head of their home. These wives live in such a way that the gospel is attractive. They do not badger their men to change but simply allow their lives to be a winsome tool in the hands of God to win their husbands over if they do not believe. Finally, Peter says these women want to be beautiful in God's eyes. We live in a culture that is constantly telling women what the standard of beauty is and then much time, energy and money is spent to achieve beauty. God wants women to know that what He sees as beauty is something that is developed in the soul of a women. A gentle and quiet spirit is what God sees as beautiful.

Q: What are three observations about the role of wives from this passage? If you are a female, which do you believe is hardest for you to exercise?

Q: What aspects of the role of wives look "alien" and "foreign" to our current culture?

Q: How do you think our culture teaches how women should treat men? How does God say we should?

Day 16: When it comes to the family, God has an ideal!

Read Genesis 2:18-25

Q: What is God's ideal for the family that was set in motion in the creation of man of woman?

Q: What role does God give each member of the family? How would culture prefer these roles to look?

Q: How do these God given roles for each member of the family align with your experience in your family growing up? In your family now?

Read Matthew 19:3-9

Q: How and why did God make concessions for the real experience of family? How did God imbed His ideal that we should strive for in this passage?

Q: What are the realities of family that most people around us are facing?

Q: How do we balance not giving up on God's ideal while seeking to heal what is real in our family?

Today's Prayer: Dear God, I recognize that when it comes to my family, what is real is not always ideal. Help me to experience a picture of ideal from you and not give up on the ideal while I seek to heal what is real.

Day 17: The Parent-Child Relationship (Part 1)

Within a family, good parent-child relation is important. A healthy family is able to maintain positive relationships with each other. Scripture speaks of the importance of good relationships between parents and children, it is so important that God had it written into stone when He wrote the 10 commandments.

Read Exodus 20:1-21

Q: Write down some of your initial thoughts when you hear, “honor your father and mother.”

Q: What are some things children can do to honor their parents?

Q: How should parents react when their children do not honor them?

Q: What can make honoring parents difficult?

Q: As parents, how can divisiveness, especially within divorce, make it difficult for children to honor their parents?

Today’s prayer: Lord, I confess for those times that I have not properly honored my parents. I ask for your divine assistance and your Holy Spirit to give me the ability to honor my parents, even when it’s hard to do because it is your will and your plan for my family.

Day 18: The Parent-Child Relationship – Part 2

Yesterday, we learned that God holds sons and daughters to the responsibility of honoring their parents. Today, we will look at a passage in the New Testament that instructs the proper relationship between children and parents.

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

In this passage the whole family receives instructions on how to live together. Paul tells children to obey their parents and then quotes Exodus 20:12. In addition, Paul then goes on to speak to parents, fathers in particular. He tells fathers to not “exasperate” their children, but instead to instruct and train them up in the Lord.

Q: What is the difference between obeying and honoring?

Q: Is it possible to honor your parents without obeying them?

Q: Paul says to, “obey your parents in the Lord.” What difference does knowing Jesus make when it comes to obeying your parents?

Q: Has honoring one’s parents changed from one generation to the next?

Q: List the things parents can do to “train and instruct” a child in the Lord.

Today’s Prayer for children: Father God, help me to obey and honor my parents well. Help me to love and treat them with respect no matter what stage of life they may be in.

Today’s Prayer for parents: Heavenly Father, help not to irritate and infuriate my children but rather graciously train and instruct them in the same manner in which you interact with me.

Day 19: The Role of Parents

Parents should be the primary spiritual coaches in their children's lives. The first priority of a parent should be to disciple and grow their children in the Lord. In today's passage, see how Moses instructed the nation of Israel as they were about to enter the promised land.

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Q: Based upon this passage, what does it mean to be the primary spiritual coach in my child's life?

Q: What things does God want us to impress upon our children?

Q: How can I know whether I am giving my children a clear picture of what it means to follow God or a blank script?

Q: What do you hope your children experience in family that you did not?

Q: At your stage of life, what does it mean for you to help (coach) your children? Why do you think it is difficult for some parents to disciple their children?

Day 20: Displaying Grace and Truth

Parenting can often seem like a balancing act. One minute I am disciplining, the next minute I am praising. The interesting thing we see about Jesus was that He was full of grace and truth. Often, we tend to think of grace and truth as mutually exclusive, meaning Jesus was 50% grace and 50% truth. In actuality and in every interaction Jesus was able to display 100% grace and 100% truth!

Read John 1:1-18

Q: Describe a situation where you see the grace of Jesus displayed in His life.

Q: Describe a situation where you see the truth of Jesus displayed in His life.

Q: Why can it seem hard as a parent to display both truth and grace?

Q: What does it look like to be convicted of truth at the expense of displaying grace?
What does it look like to display grace at the expense of truthful convictions?

Q: What is one step that you could take to help you grow in truth?

Q: What is one step that you could take to help you grow in grace?

Today's Prayer: Jesus, I thank you that you are 100% grace and 100% truth. Your example allows me to embrace the understanding that I can be compassionate to my children without giving up on truth. May your Holy Spirit help me to recognize how best to display grace and truth to each of my family members!

Day 21: Cultivating Love and Respect Within My Home

God made us for relationships! The truth is that our world is more crowded than ever, but also that loneliness is more rampant than ever. Relationships erode, families are disintegrating, and marriages are dissolving. What makes relationships meaningful? When Jesus was cornered on a question about the most important command, He replied that the law and prophets could be summed up in two relationships. The first relationship is with God and the second with other people, and what made those relationships full of meaning is LOVE! Love is what makes our relationship with God meaningful and our relationship with other people meaningful!

Read John 13:34-35 & 1 John 4:7-11

Q: What is a proper definition of love as defined by Jesus? How has He modeled and demonstrated His love?

Q: How has God designed us to need love? How does God Himself (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) exist in a perfect relationship of love?

Q: How does your view of yourself affect your ability to love your children/your parents? If someone is having trouble loving others, what should be the first place for them to start?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Q: What stands out to you about Paul's description of love? Anything missing in his description that you would normally associate with love?

Q: How is love correlated with respect? How are they different?

Today's Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to cultivate love and respect within my home. May the example of you be our definition for love within our home. May your love always motivate and inspire me to love my family members, especially in times when it is not easy to do so.

Day 22: Disciplining in Truth

Parents have a responsibility to train, instruct and discipline their children. In today's passage we see what God says about a parent's responsibility.

Read Hebrews 12:4-11

Q: Why is disciplining necessary? How does it cultivate respect?

Q: What is the hope of loving discipline?

Q: How does God's discipline serve as a model for our parenting?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

Q: What does "exasperate" mean? Have you ever exasperated your children? If so, how?

Q: How have you experienced or seen other parents exasperate their children? How does training and instructing look different?

Today's Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to accept the responsibility of parenthood. Grant me the desire to be more than just a friend to my children, but also a Godly authority in their lives.

Day 23: Handling Conflict Respectfully (Part 1)

God created us for relationships. Unfortunately, relationships are not immune from conflict. If we want true and lasting peace in our relationships, then we need to resolve conflicts God's way. His way for resolving conflicts is not to give us surface techniques that achieve outward peace but do nothing to get at the root cause of the conflict. God goes for the heart – primarily our heart relationship with Him. When our ways please Him, then we have a foundation for resolving conflicts with others (Prov. 16:7).

Read Matthew 5:9 & James 4:1-12

Q: What does Jesus say our role should be in the area of conflict resolution? What is your definition of a peacemaker?

Q: What does James tell us about the source (i.e. root cause) of quarrels and conflicts?

Q: How do conflicts steal our peace and subsequently our happiness? Why do we have a hard time settling our conflicts?

Q: Are you currently in conflict with anyone? What would it look like for you to settle this conflict quickly?

Q: How can you be more respectful while in conflict?

Today's prayer: Lord Jesus, I know that selfishness, pride, and judging are often sources of conflict in relationships. I want all my relationships to bring glory to you and I don't want to be a source of pain for other people or myself. Please equip me today to be your ambassador and to intentionally take peace and reconciliation wherever I go. Jesus, help me be a true peacemaker. I want to turn conflict into an opportunity to strengthen relationships and make my life a testimony to the power and grace of Jesus Christ. I want to draw continually on the goodness and power of my Lord to bring His love, mercy, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom to the conflicts of daily life.

Day 24: Handling Conflict Respectfully (Part 2)

Peace with God and peace with others go hand-in-hand. We cannot know peace with God unless we are at peace with one another and we cannot truly know peace with others unless we are at peace with God. Many times, the source of relational conflict is rooted in our relationship to God rather than each other.

Read Philippians 2:3-5 and Ephesians 4:2-3

Q: What advice regarding conflict do we receive from these passages?

Q: What are the reasons that people resist meeting with others to discuss and resolve conflict?

Q: What specific steps would please God and help us deal quickly with conflict more effectively?

Read Romans 12:9-11 & 17-21

Q: What principles do the following passages give us for living at peace with others and for resolving conflict if it should occur?

Q: What does this passage tell us to do if we are involved in a situation where the other person resists our prayerful efforts to resolve the conflict?

Today's prayer: Lord Jesus, I want to honor you and bring glory to your name in all that I do. I want my life to be a testimony about how the gospel has changed my life. I want to live in harmony with everyone – especially within my family. Help me to maintain a Christ-honoring fellowship with you and also within my family. When conflict occurs, help let me be lead by the Holy Spirit in my efforts to resolve it with grace and humility.

Day 25: Leaving a Legacy

David, in the Old Testament, was the greatest king Israel ever had. God did many great things through David because of His love for him. Near the end of David's life, David left his son, Solomon, some advice and instructions. In today's passages, observe how David instructs his son and then Solomon's response to David's instructions and advice.

Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-12 and 2 Chronicles 6:14-17

Q: If you are a parent, what can you learn from David's instructions to his Son?

Q: Did Solomon honor his Father? Did Solomon show a similar reverence to God as his father did? Yes or no, and why?

Q: In 1 Chronicles 28 what do we learn about the Lord and His character? How does knowing God affect the advice we give our children?

Q: If you only had a short time to live, what advice or instructions would you leave for your children?

Q: How can/have you left others with a legacy of respect?

Today's Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to live with the end in mind. May my life leave a gospel impression on my kids! May my life always point them to you as the true source of significance and abundant life.