



WISE UP ABOUT THE NEXT GENERATION

Proverbs 31:1-9

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What's a parent to do with a child in this day and age? What's a child to do with a parent? The New Testament says that children are to obey their parents, for this is right. Parents are told not to "exasperate" their children (Eph. 6:3-4). That means don't drive them up the wall! Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Is this possible in this present evil age?

I. Love Is a Command.

A. Parents must love their children.

B. *Oh my son.* Prov. 31:1

II. Belief Must Affect Behavior.

A. Parents must pray for their children.

B. *It's not for Kings, Oh Lemuel.* Prov. 31:4

III. Service Must Be Taught.

A. Parents must train their children to "give back."

B. *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all those who are destitute.* Prov. 31:8

Conclusion: We are sons and daughters of the King. We have been entrusted with *royal* responsibilities as well as *royal* privileges. We parents must live "royal lives." We must love without stopping, pray without ceasing, and serve sacrificially ourselves. We need to be living examples of our beliefs to our children. All this is beyond our sinful, selfish selves. For this we need His enabling and empowering...for this we need Jesus!