

**Title: Avoiding the Curse**  
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### **Malachi 4:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

## **Children**

### **1: Honour them**

#### **Deuteronomy 5:16**

<sup>16</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup>“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

### **2: Cover their nakedness**

#### **Genesis 9:18-27**

<sup>18</sup>Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. <sup>19</sup>These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. <sup>20</sup>And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup>Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. <sup>22</sup>And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. <sup>23</sup>But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. <sup>24</sup>So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. <sup>25</sup>Then he said: “Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren.” <sup>26</sup>And he said: “Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. <sup>27</sup>May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.”

### **3: Give heed**

#### **Proverbs 1:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; <sup>9</sup>For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.

**Proverbs 13:1**

<sup>1</sup>A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

**Colossians 3:20**

<sup>20</sup>Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

**Fathers****1: Train / instruct****Proverbs 22:6**

<sup>6</sup>Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Ephesians 6:4**

<sup>4</sup>And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

**Colossians 3:21**

<sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

**2: Discipline promptly****Proverbs 13:24**

<sup>24</sup>He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

**Proverbs 22:15**

<sup>15</sup>Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

**Proverbs 23:23-14**

<sup>13</sup>Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

<sup>14</sup>You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.

**Proverbs 29:15**

<sup>15</sup>The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

**3: Set the standard****Titus 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: <sup>2</sup>that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; <sup>3</sup>the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—<sup>4</sup>that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.