

Hedging
the
Heart
Of Your Child

Restoring Biblical Foundations In the Home

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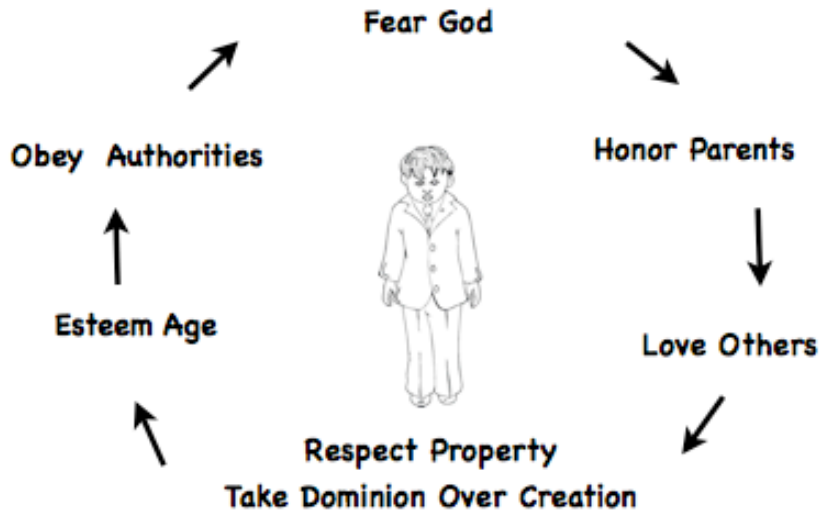
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To do so is to break the laws of man, as well as the laws of God. Exodus 20:15

Foreword: Restoring the Hedge

*"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breatheth an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."
Ecclesiastes 10:8*

Satan plants seeds. Furthermore, he is willing to wait for years for those seeds of discontent and rebellion to start producing fruit. Sadly, he is reaping quite a bountiful harvest in America today.

God desires to place a hedge around us and around our children. This hedge is in the protection of God-given authorities and right relationships.



As adults, our hedge includes the wife's submission to her husband and the husband's love for the wife.

When our children dwell in the secret place of the most High, they will abide under the protection and provision of the Almighty (Psalm 91.) When we allow our children to come out from under that protection, they break the hedge, opening the door to Satanic destruction and defeat in their lives.

Surely we, as parents, have fallen into a pit that we have taken years to dig. While preserving the relationships, we have allowed Satan to pervert their values in our lives.

- ✓ The choices of our daily lives are ruled more by a concern by esteeming creation (EPA and other ecological movements) than the Creator.
- ✓ Our government sees its citizens as their dominion rather than their God-ordained responsibility.
- ✓ The wisdom of age has been sacrificed for the adventure of youth.
- ✓ Our children invest more time and energy in property than parents, basing their moral excellence on the standard of the property (books, movies, games, etc.)
- ✓ Born again Christians are being influenced more by the world than we are influencing the world for Christ with love.
- ✓ Rather than using property with respect, we disrespect it with abuse, using it as an outlet for our own frustrations. This is one step away from abusing people.

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“Hast not thou made an hedge around him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.” Job 1:10

God desires to do the same for you and your family today.

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and in their minds will I write them.”
Hebrews 10:16***

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***If you teach your child to obey,
The world will see God's law.
If you teach your child to honor,
The world will see God's love.***

Introduction: Using This Study

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9 (a)

Hedging the Heart of Your Child is designed to assist parents as they teach and train their children in honoring ways based upon the Word of God. The principles taught in this book are an overview of the honor and humility which should flow from every Christian’s heart, regardless of age. As a parent, you must first understand and embrace the concept of honor. If you do not accept this material within your own heart, you cannot plant it into the heart of your child.

My book, Worthy of Honor (published by Queen Homeschool Supplies, Inc.), is a step-by-step course designed to assist you in teaching your child how to practically demonstrate appropriate honor and respect in seven God-given relationships. It is designed to teach and train your child in honorable ways.

Throughout these books, you will find Scriptural principles and suggestions for practical applications designed to help you incorporate honor into your child’s lifestyle. These applications should be used as guidelines. Your family may not embrace every suggestion on the level that it is offered. Please do not become bogged down by legalistic relativism. While honor must be demonstrated, it is the goal to teach humility, not legalism.

