

Respect your Elders
2 Ki. 2:22-25

- I. Introduction
 - a. Respect your elders is one of the things we are taught we are learning our manners
 - b. But it is a very Biblical concept
- II. KEY THOUGHT – We will examine four groups of elders who we should respect
- III. Respect your Elders – Those who are older than us, esp. the oldest people in the community, senior citizens
 - a. Lev. 19:32 – The way it should be
 - b. Is. 3:1-5 – When a land is deserted by God, children are in charge and the young mock the elderly – Sometimes I wonder if we live in such a land today
 - c. Elisha – 2 Kings 2:22-25
 - d. How to respect the Elderly
 - i. Acknowledge them
 - ii. Not speak against them harshly – 1 Tim. 5:1-2
 - iii. Make way for them
 - iv. Listen to them
 - v. Help them – 1 Tim. 5:3; James 1:27
- IV. Respect your Parents
 - a. They are by definition older than us
 - b. Fathers/children
 - c. Rebellious son – Dt. 21:18-21
 - d. Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Dt. 27:16; Prov. 20:20; 30:11-14, 17
 - e. Honor your father and mother – Eph 6:1-3
 - f. How to respect your parents
 - i. Obey them in the Lord
 - ii. Bless them
 - iii. Express appreciation for them and to them
 - iv. Treat them with love and affection
 - v. Provide for them in their old age – 1 Tim. 5:4,8,16
- V. Respect the Elders of the Church
 - a. Elders, older – 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-11
 - i. Mature in the faith – not a novice 1 Tim. 3:6
 - ii. Knowledgeable in the Scriptures – Tit. 1:9-11
 - b. How to respect them – Heb. 13:7,17
 - i. Remember them
 - ii. Imitate their faith
 - iii. Consider the outcome of their conduct
 - iv. Obey them
 - v. Be submissive
 - vi. Make their oversight of your spiritual well-being a source of joy
- VI. Respect the Eldest

- a. Who is the Oldest
 - i. Dan. 7:9-10 – the ancient of days
 - ii. He has always been – Psa. 90:2
- b. The Son is also eternal –
 - i. Isa 9:6 – Everlasting Father
 - ii. Micah 5:2 NKJV "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
 - iii. He is described in very similar terms – Rev 1:12-17
 - iv. John the Baptist – preferred before me – John 1:26-30
- c. All the respect and honor due every parent, church elder or older person all put together cannot come close to the amount of respect and honor due Almighty God and his Eternal Son
- d. And yet some do not respect Him
 - i. God – Where is my honor? Mal. 1:6
 - ii. Jesus – Mat. 27:28-31
- e. How to respect God
 - i. Hear Him
 - ii. Obey Him
 - iii. Praise Him
 - iv. Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
 - v. Honor those whom He directs you to honor
 - 1. Lev. 19:32 – Respect for the elderly connected with respect for God

VII. Conclusion

- a. The Everlasting Father is calling you to be His child
- b. Will you love, honor and respect Him enough to submit to Him as his servant and beloved child?
- c. Do not be rebellious ... only shame and eternal peril can come from that
- d. INVITATION