

FUSION Q's... Making Wise Choices in a Foolish World 4: Breaking the Cycle

Discussion Questions

Q1. Do you feel like you have an unhealthy relationship with your parents? Why or why not?

Q2. If you could build perfect parents, what would they be like?

Q3. Go back to the last question and determine how many of your answers benefited you, but not your parents.

Q4. What do you think God desires your parents to be like? Explain the difference between your first response and this one.

Read Ephesians 6:1-3

Q5. Why do you think God thinks it's so important for us to obey our parents? Why is this so hard to do?

Q6. What does God promise to those who honour their parents? What does it mean to "honour your parents"?

Q7. Most of us are great at blaming others (in this case our parents) when things are not healthy. What can you do differently to honour your parents and create a healthy relationship with them?

Q.8 How does not honouring your parents hinder your relationship with God?

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Q9. Paul writes to Timothy that the main reason for people's bad behaviour is that they "will love only themselves". According to Paul what is the evidence that someone is a "lover of themselves"?

Q10. None of our parents are perfect, yet God commands us to honour them. Name some good qualities of your parents that you want to have as a person.

Q11. If your parents have made poor choices in the past, how can you break that cycle and not make the same mistakes that they did?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Eph 6:1-3 (NLT – p.706)

¹ Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT – p.723)

¹ You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!