

Healing Past Hurts From Your Parents So You Can Walk in Your Destiny

The Ten Commandments mention parental relationships two times; once positive and once negative. No parents were perfectly good or perfectly bad. Whether the influence was 99 percent in one direction or 1 percent in the other, in every generational relationship, there are good things to receive and bad things to reject.

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Deuteronomy 5:9b, “visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children.”

God does not punish us for our parents’ wrongdoings. However, the result of our parents’ lacks and wrongs does have a great influence on us. We have to forgive them and remove the negative influence from our memories, souls and behavior. Sometimes a person unconsciously repeats the same bad actions of his parents; or sometimes overreacts in just the opposite way; which is still in effect, letting that influence dominate us. Some fathers were abusive; some were absent.

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Deuteronomy 5:16: “Honor your father and your mother.”

When we honor someone, we place ourselves in a position to receive good things from them. When we honor our parents, we receive the good spiritual inheritance and qualities that they had to pass on to us. Honor goes up, and blessing comes down.

We have to come to peace with our parents’ “inheritance” and

influence in our lives. I recently came across an old photo of my parents when they were the age my children are now. When I saw it, I experienced an inner release and freedom. It was as if I was finally totally at peace and in line with everything my parents are.

There is a process many of us go through. At each age of our children's lives, we understand our parents' perspective of their relationship with us when we were that age. This gives us a second chance, as it were, to repent, be set free and receive blessing.

This week, we had a time of discussion and prayer with the men on our team in which we realized that many of the issues we seem to be struggling with in the ministry organization, the congregations and our decision-making processes had nothing to do with what seemed to be the obvious issue. It all had to do with our relationships with our dads.

The responses of each one of us were not appropriate or proportionate to the issue we were dealing with. In order to become the person God has made us to be, to fulfill our destiny and to bear much fruit in our lives, we must be healed of parental wounds, forgive them of their wrongs and receive their good qualities. {eoa}

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