



THE GLORY OF CHILDREN!

Proverbs 17:6 NKJV

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**MORE IS TOLD ABOUT YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH
BY YOUR ACTIONS THAN BY YOUR WORDS.**

INTRODUCTION

Some scholars have divided Proverbs up into various sections regarding wisdom.

For example, chapters:

- 1-9 are considered Wisdom for Young People;
- 10-24 are considered Wisdom for All People;
- 25-29 are considered Wisdom for Leaders;
- 30-31 are considered Wisdom for Disciples.

Proverbs 13:16 NKJV

Tony Evans

"This verse strikes a special chord with me. Now I don't claim the title of Elderly, but I can testify that grandchildren are the crown of those in their senior years. What a blessing when God lets you enjoy the children of your children in whom you have invested."

Bill Cosby said this about grandchildren;

"If I knew having grandkids was this much fun, I would've had them first!"

John MacArthur

"Godly Influence generates mutual love and respect in a family, which extends from generation to generation."

Proverbs 17:6 speaks about the value of the family, referring to a family of three generations.

⁶ Children’s children *are* the crown of old men, And the glory of children *is* their father.

- **Grandchildren are the crown** of old men is literally translated “*the crown of old men [is] sons of sons.*” In Hebrew this expression has a masculine form, but it may be made inclusive in translation. In languages in which **Grandchildren** is either masculine or feminine but does not include both, it may be possible to use both terms.
- **Crown**, means “reward,” “honor,” or “pride.” The phrase “old men” or “elders” is generic in meaning and does not exclude females. Therefore, some translations simply say “Grandparents are proud of their grandchildren.” Some translations use a simile; for example, “Grandchildren are like a crown for their grandfathers” or “Grandchildren bring honor to their grandparents.”
- **And the glory of children is their fathers** speaks of children who honor their fathers. **Glory**, has a parallel with word **crown** in the first line, and has about the same meaning as **crown**. **But includes in its** basic meaning “to beautify/glorify.”
- An additional meaning also means “to boast”, which includes the implication of “pride.”

Therefore, just as grandparents are proud of their grandchildren and boast about them, in this line, children are or should be proud and boast about their parents, in particular their fathers.

How is it that Children are to glory (proud/boast) in their Father?

1) _____ (Loyalty)

“Children’s children are the crown of old men...”

The last two verses in the last book of the OT make a prophetic statement about Fathers and their Children.

Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV

These are the last words God says to the children, and then they don’t hear for 400 years.

Dorothy Law Nolte wrote, “Children Learn What They Live” (page 6).

A Child needs the love of his/her Father!

Colossians 3:21 NKJV

LOVE MUST BE REENFORCED BY OUR LIFESTYLES!

2) _____ (Reputation)

“Children’s children are the crown of old men...”

Research literature supports the finding that a loving and nurturing father improves outcomes for children, families and communities. Recent research results show that fathers who live with their children are more likely to have a close, enduring relationship with their children. Other results show that children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors including drug use, truancy, and criminal activity.

Newspaper columnist **Abigail Van Buren**, better known as **Dear Abby**, composed a **“Parent’s Prayer”** that basically speaks about being present in our children’s lives in a positive and effective way (page 7).

These things are not only to be spoken in prayer, but are to be portrayed in our lives.
Fruit comes in the doing, not just in the speaking!
Galatians 6:7-8 NKJV

LIFESTYLE PRODUCES THE KIND OF LEGACY YOU CAN BE PROUD OF AND THAT HONORS GODS!

3) _____ (Loyalty)

“...And the glory of children is their father.”

- **And the glory of children is their fathers:**
This line speaks of children who honor their fathers.
Glory, parallel with word **crown** in first line, means about the same as **crown**.
But includes in its basic meaning “to beautify/glorify.”
Also means “to boast,” which includes the implication of “pride.”
- Legacy is something that is passed on:
Legacy may be of one's faith, ethics and core values...
Legacy may be monetary or your assets...
Legacy may come from one's character, reputation and the life you lead – setting an example for others and to guide their futures. —
- **Psalms 127:3-5 NKJV**

Pastor Beckley says, “I’m blessed by my Legacy...”

Project – Trace your legacy back three generations up till now!