

Proverbs 17:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Analysis

Grandchildren crown the elderly while children glory in their fathers—this celebrates multi-generational covenant faithfulness. The crown imagery suggests honor and joy. This mutual blessing demonstrates family functioning as God designed, with each generation honoring and benefiting the others.

Historical Context

In cultures valuing lineage and progeny, numerous descendants were visible proof of divine blessing. Conversely, childlessness was considered shameful. Godly legacy spanned generations.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you honor both older and younger generations in your family?
2. What spiritual heritage are you passing to those who follow you?

Interlinear Text

בָּנִים וְתִפְאָרֶת בָּנִים
are the crown of old men Children's Children's and the glory Children's
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אֲבוֹתֶם:
are their fathers
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:31 (Glory): The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 13:22 (Parallel theme): A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Genesis 50:23 (Parallel theme): And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

1 Kings 15:4 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

1 Kings 11:12 (Parallel theme): Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.