

# 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

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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

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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

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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

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עֶטְרָת	זֶקֶנִים	בְּנֵי יִם	בְּנֵי יִם	וְתִפְאָרֶת	בְּנֵי יִם
are the crown	of old men	Children's	Children's	and the glory	Children's
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אֲבוֹתָם:					
are their fathers					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.