

Proverbs 20:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Analysis

The just walk in integrity, leaving a heritage of blessing for their children. Righteousness has generational impact—children blessed by parents' godly example and reputation. This demonstrates covenant theology's emphasis on God's promises extending to believers' households.

Historical Context

Israelite culture understood identity corporately—one's actions affected the entire family's status. A righteous father's legacy provided social, spiritual, and material advantages to descendants.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What legacy of integrity are you building for those who come after you?

2. How have you benefited from previous generations' righteous example?

Interlinear Text

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H1980	H8537	H6662	H835	H1121	H310

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 112:2 (Blessing): His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psalms 37:26 (Blessing): He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Jeremiah 32:39 (Parallel theme): And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

2 Corinthians 1:12 (Parallel theme): For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

Acts 2:39 (Parallel theme): For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Proverbs 19:1 (Parallel theme): Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

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

Proverbs 14:2 (Parallel theme): He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

Genesis 17:7 (Parallel theme): And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Psalms 26:1 (Parallel theme): Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.

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