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# Navigating Family Betrayal: Children

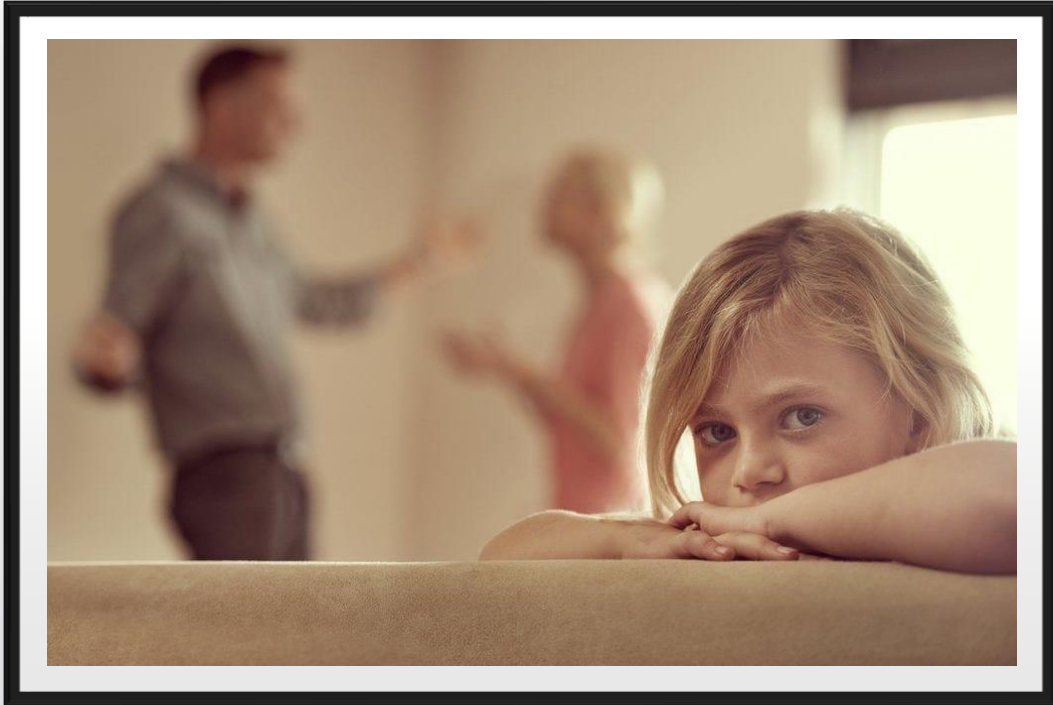
Part 2

# Recap

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- I. How do parents betray their children?
    - a. Sinful addiction
    - b. Greed
    - c. Lack of Discipline
    - d. Lack of Spiritual Training
    - e. Conditional love
    - f. Injustice
    - g. One more...**

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## 7. Poor Marital Example



- Emotional impact
- Insecurity
- Negative view of God
- This in turn will negatively impact the individual, the family, church, community, nation, and the world.

**How do children  
betray their parents?**

# Dishonoring them

## Why should we honor our parents?

### 1. Divine command

- "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you." (Exo. 20:12)
- "Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God." (Lev. 19:3)
- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Eph. 6:1)

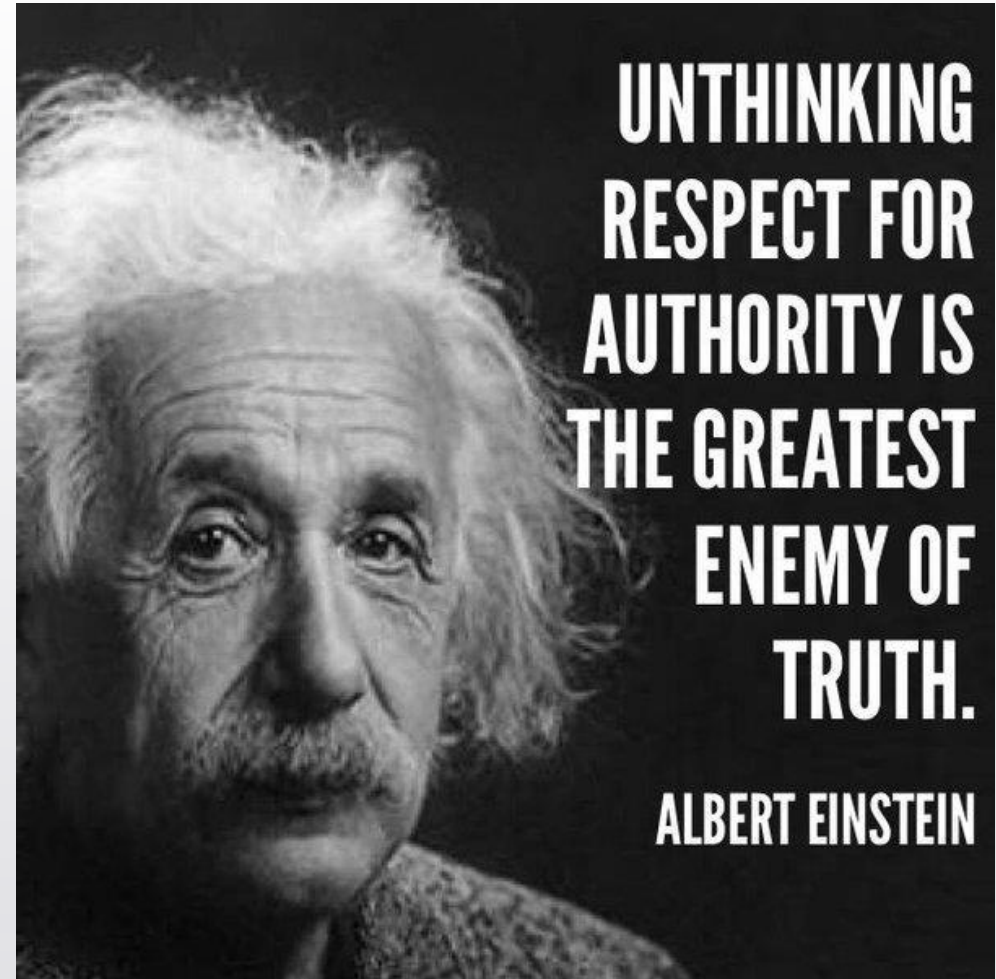


## Dishonoring them

2. Gratitude

3. Teaches them to respect authority

- Not respecting authority has many negative outcomes:
  - Produces a rebellious heart
  - Hinders your growth
  - Breakdown of order
  - Ultimately, rebelling against God



# Dishonoring them

- “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”  
(Rom. 13:1-4)

4. Teaches the art of unity





## Dishonoring them

- How do we honor our parents?
  - Obedience
  - Respect
  - Listen to their wisdom/advise (for adult children)
  - Serve them
  - Reconcile with them
  - Live a godly life
- “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” (Eph. 6:2-3)

# Conflict of values

- When my behavior is not in line with the values of my parents
- EX: The Lost Son
- What is the result?  
Who suffers?



## Greed

- EX: Achan the son of Carmi
- The desire to be king has caused many princes to conspire against their father and mother.
- EX: Absalom
  - “In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.” (2 Sam. 15:6)



# Heeding Rebellious Counsel

- EX: The advice of Ahithophel to Absalom
- “Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful...” (Ps. 1:1)
- Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."  
(1 Cor. 15:33)
- “Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.” (Prov. 14:7 RSV)



# Entitlement

- Entitlement is the belief that I am owed unearned privileges and am exempt from responsibility
- EX: The Lost Son
- EX: Eliab, David's older brother
- Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." (1 Sam. 17:28)

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