Bonus Report:

What Does the Bible Say About Manners?

A Quick Study Guide for Practical Application

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Introduction

This little study is intended to help you understand what the Bible says about manners.

Does God think manners are important? Do our manners affect our relationships with others? Do our manners reveal anything about our character? Do our manners affect how others view us? What kind of manners are important anyway? Should we really be concerned about which fork we need to use for an appetizer, or what kind of jacket is needed at a formal party... or is there something bigger and more important about manners that we need to be aware of?

Manners, at their core, are much more significant than just being able to follow certain rules and regulations in our dealing with others. Our manners are an indication of what is inside us. They show others our thoughts and opinions... and often reveal our true hearts and character.

How our society values good manners is really not the issue. What you and I think about displaying good manners is also irrelevant. Ultimately, the important thing is God's opinion on the subject. Are we going to listen and obey His word?

In this study you'll find almost forty verses from the Scriptures that deal with manners. Actually, the Bible rarely uses the word “manners” -- but it does give us a great deal of advice about how we should conduct ourselves and behave around others. These by no means cover everything the Bible says about our manners and behavior, but these all speak clearly on the subject. Your job is going to be to examine each of these, see how they relate to one another, pick out some common themes, and then draw some conclusions.

Remember that when we look into God's Word, we must do so with the intent of obeying whatever He tells us to do. We don't have the right to pick and choose what is convenient for us and what is easiest for us to obey.

How to use this study:

1. Read the question and discuss before reading the verses.
2. Look up each verse and read it.
3. Have your child repeat back the verse in his own words.
4. Look at the question again and summarize the Bible's statements on that question. Determine how these verses should apply to your behavior.
5. Pray and ask the Lord to help you to obey his word.

Take your time going through these passages, looking up only covering a few questions and verses in each session. Your discussion of the principles outlined in these scriptures (and others you may find on your own) will strongly reinforce their message for your children. Praying together over these verses will also be a wonderful way to commit them to heart.
A Quick Bible Study on Manners

What shows other people a child's true character?
Proverbs 20:11

What is the most important “rule” of manners?
Luke 6:31

What part of our body should we be most careful with?
Psalm 141:3

How should we talk about others?
Ephesians 4:29
1 Timothy 6:18-19
Proverbs 15:18
Proverbs 12:19
James 4:11a

How should we speak TO others?
Ephesians 4:29
Ephesians 5:4
Are there times when we should NOT talk?
James 1:19
Proverbs 24:17,18
Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 7b

Who is most hurt when we are hurtful to others?
Proverbs 11:17

What are some practical ways we can show respect to other people?
I Corinthians 13:4, 5
Galatians 5:13b
1 Peter 2:17
Ephesians 4:32

How should we treat company and friends?
1 Peter 4:9
Romans 12:13b
Mark 9:37

How are we to treat older people?
Leviticus 19:32
I Timothy 5:1-2

What does the Bible say about sharing?
1 Timothy 6:18-19
2 Corinthians 8:7

Who are we to listen to and obey?
Ephesians 6:1-3, 5-8)

Why should we treat others as more important than ourselves?
Luke 14:8-11

What if we're served food we don't like?
Luke 10:8
1 Corinthians 10:31

Should we always try to get our own way?
Luke 9:23-26
Philippians 2:3-4
Philippians 2:14

With what attitude should we behave toward our friends and family?

Hebrews 10:24b
Romans 14:19
James 2:1-4
Proverbs 3:3a
Matthew 22:39b