

Weird Flex But Okay Part 4

I Make My Momma Cry All The Time

Proverbs 10:1

Memory Verses: Proverbs 10:1

MANUSCRIPT

Introduction (Me, We, & the Struggle)

Proverbs 30:32 says, “if you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth.” If you brag about being a fool that’s a weird flex, but okay! Fools have all kinds of weird flexes. They brag about all the wrong things. Over the past three weeks we’ve seen them brag about being shunning wisdom, brag about being evil, and brag about being unwilling to listen to wise counsel. In essence they are bragging about ignoring God and the Church and rebelling against them both like it’s some kind of joke. What they should do instead of bragging about these horrible avenues they’ve decided to pursue is to shut their mouths and return to the wisdom found in God.

But they can’t. Again, this week we see them flexing on some more ridiculous foolishness. **Proverbs 10:1** says, “a wise son makes a glad father but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.” A wise son, a son who fears God and receives wise counsel makes his parents proud. As a father I completely understand. Before kids the only person I really was concerned about, to some degree, was myself. What could I achieve. What success could I become. What was my legacy going to be. But then you have kids... and more kids... and more kids... and before you know it you have 5 little Shevis and Lisas running about and I’ll level with you; the thing that makes me happiest in this entire world is when my kids have success and when my kids overcome their obstacles in life. Now I care about their legacy more than my own.

And when they make me proud it has it’s benefits. I try my hardest to motivate my kids to do well in their studies so I bribe them with money and prizes and whatever I can. One of my tricks is that if they can get straight A’s on a report card then the next 6 weeks they get one skip day from school and I’ll take em out to eat, take em to a movie, or whatever they want. Just recently me and Hudson took the day off, went to Greensboro and watched Super Mario and it was a great day. The point is I am proud of my kids and a wise son wants to make his parents proud because it often comes with fringe benefits.

On the other hand, a foolish son will bring sorrow to his parents. In particular here in this verse it mentions moms. Now, I don’t have to tell you but you know. If my kids make me mad, its one thing. And as a rule of thumb in my house, you don’t want to make dad mad. But if you talk back to mom, or treat her without respect, or heaven forbid make her

cry... well that’s just dumb cause now Dad is mad and mom is sad and... let’s just say that no one is going to escape the groundings that are about to get dished out. When you dishonor your parents it comes with very harsh consequences. It is foolish, foolish, foolish to bring sorrow to your mom. Just look at this video of this son disrespecting his mother on Dr. Phil simply because she’s not as famous as him.

Why do kids do this? Why do daughters and sons in our society today find it amusing, even liberating, to dishonor their parents and bring sorrow to their mothers, and then they go on Dr. Phil or twitter and bad mouth them and act like its a good thing? I remember seeing one post on facebook where a woman was bragging about the fact that she makes her momma cry all the time. I thought, that’s a weird flex... and it ain’t okay. That’s not cool. That’s not good. That’s not Godly. It’s flat out dumb, so don’t do it. **When you dishonor your mom, you destroy your own legacy.** Today we are going to look at three reasons why loving your mother and honoring your parents is wise and dishonoring them is foolish and destroys your legacy.

Teaching (Expand on the Problem, God)

The first thing we need to see today is that... **Those Who Respect Their Mothers Will Have A Great Inheritance.** **Proverbs 11:29** tells us that “whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.” It make sense that if you are a son or daughter who creates havoc and chaos for your parents that there will be great consequences. In a lesser sense, children must be disciplined. If my kids get caught fighting or rough playing in the house, they immediately receive a timeout from their phones or screens. We have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to fighting with one another. Otherwise they would have torn down the house by now.

But in a greater sense, when children move from being disobedient in the house to disrespecting their parents as young adults, the consequences increase. For example, every parent who loves their children wants to leave them an inheritance. They want to make sure that they teach them how to be successful and leave them something to get started. **Proverbs 13:22a** says “a good parent leaves an inheritance to her children’s children.” However, **no parent wants to enable their children to live irresponsibly.** So if a child is untrustworthy, careless, and unwise, a mother and father may decide to prolong the inheritance or cancel it all together. Leaving that child an inheritance may be more disastrous for them than keeping it from them. So one consequence of making your mother cry all the time may be inheriting wind. Thats a steep price to pay, but it may be necessary. But that may not be the worst consequence. According to **Proverbs 11:29** another, more dire price might be the fact that you will end up being a servant. With the inheritance, you could have started your own business or been a boss,

but now you will most likely be someone else's servant. Think back to the parable of the prodigal son. The man received his inheritance early and wasted it. He shouldn't have been given anything because he was a fool and it led to even more foolishness. When he came back it was to be a servant, not a son. If it weren't for the loving kindness of his father he would've been utterly lost.

There is another thing to consider here. The only inheritance that parents leave for children are not just monetary. Parents also leave their children love, care, and instruction. **Proverbs 22:6** famously says "train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." **Even if your parents don't have riches to leave you when the time comes, it doesn't mean they haven't given you anything of value.** The wisdom of your parents passed down to you can be a very worthy inheritance. In fact I don't think I'm being naive to think that most of us wouldn't be where we are now if it weren't for the wisdom of a loving mother that was passed down to us. **Proverbs 15:20** reminds us again, "a wise son makes a glad father (or mother), but a foolish man despises his mother." A wise son gets an inheritance from his mother, but **When you dishonor your mom, you destroy your own legacy.**

The next thing we need to see here today is that... **Those Who Praise Their Mothers Will Shine In The Darkness.** **Proverbs 17:21** says "he who sires a fool gets himself sorrow, and the father of a fool has no joy." **Proverbs 19:13a** tells us that "a foolish son is ruin to his father or mother." And **Proverbs 17:25** says "a foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him." Why are these children curses to their mothers? Probably because they actually curse their mothers. **Proverbs 20:20** says "If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness." That doesn't sound good. Usually lamps in the Bible, in a metaphorical sense, means soul. In this sense, if you curse your mother your soul will be put out into utter darkness. Darkness is not a good thing. In the Bible, usually darkness means sin or even hell. In short, **cursing your momma may be a symptom of a godless soul damned to hell.**

How does one curse his mother or become a curse to his mother? Of course, a child who speaks ill of his mother curses her. I'm sure you've been appalled at some of the things you've heard kids say to their moms in the grocery store. I can't even remember how many times I've heard a kid tell their mom they hate them because they won't let them get this or that at Walmart. My first instinct is always, "my momma would've knocked me back into last week." But other than actual cursing how does one become a curse to their mother. Well, what's the one thing moms want their children to do? Listen to them and obey. **Ephesians 6:1** says "children obey your parents in the Lord, for this right." **Proverbs 15:5** - "a

fool despises his father's (or mother's) instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent." An obedient child who listens is a blessing to his mother. A disobedient child is a curse.

The opposite of cursing your mother would be to praise her. I love to hear stories of kids who speak well of their moms. In **2 Timothy 1:5** Paul says of Timothy, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well." Paul praises Timothy by praising both his mother and grandmother. When's the last time you praised your mother in public? Is your life a testimony to how faithful your mother was? If you develop a habit of praising your mother and not cursing her, you will surely not have to worry about your lamp being put into the darkness. Why? Because those who love their mothers, praise their mothers, and refrain from cursing their mothers, show the qualities of one who has a godly wisdom. Otherwise, if you are a foolish person who doesn't praise his mother, you will perhaps meet a fate worse than death. Because... **When you dishonor your mom, you destroy your own legacy.**

The last thing we need to notice today is that... **Those Who Honor Their Mothers Will Extend Their Lives.** We all know that **Exodus 20:12** says to "honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Ephesians reemphasizes this in the new testament. **Ephesians 6:2-3** says "'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.'"

Honoring your mother prolongs your life in four different senses. In one sense it is a promise of God to supernaturally prolong your life in this world. In another sense the Old Testament demanded death for dishonoring parents. **Leviticus 20:9** says "for anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him." Jesus refers to this in **Matthew 15:4**; "for God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' So, if you dishonored your mother and father you would inevitably have a shorter life because... you'd be killed. In the third sense, your life will be prolonged metaphorically. We all don't live to be 100 years old but some of us in a few short years live lives of such significance that it feels like our life is physically longer. **Proverbs 23:22** reminds us to "listen to our father and mother who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old." **You never stop honoring your mom and you never stop reaping the benefits of doing so.** Jesus calls this the abundant life. Those who honor their mothers have a godly wisdom which affords them a more abundant life. And then lastly, if you have a godly wisdom you will honor your mother and when this life is over you will live eternally forever with your mother and Jesus. You simply cannot beat that. But, dishonor your mother

and it will not end so well for you, I'm afraid. **When you dishonor your mom, you destroy your own legacy.**

Application

Of course I'm using this word legacy because what is a legacy if not a physical inheritance, a wisdom gained from those who came before you, an abundant life lived in peace and happiness, and the promise of eternal life with your mom and Jesus. Parents always want to leave a legacy in their children. But those who dishonor their mothers, will receive a different legacy; a legacy of destruction, servitude, humility, and damnation. Not good.

Jesus made sure when it came to his mother he was leaving a legacy of love and honor. Look at **John 19:26** which says, "when Jesus then saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'woman, behold your son!'" Jesus made sure his mother was taken care of and loved while on this earth. He honored her and because of that we all know her name to this day. She is considered a woman highly favored. Now that's a legacy.

Conclusion

What legacy are you leaving for your mother? What legacy is she leaving for you? If you haven't respected, praised, and honored your mother, you can start today. Forgive her for her mistakes. Let the past be the past. Ask her to forgive you for your failures. Make amends. And start loving her as you should. Don't be a fool and let your lamp be put into darkness because you refused to honor your mother. That's dumb. **Proverbs 10:1** once again says "a wise son makes a glad mother, but a foolish son is a sorrow to her." Don't make your momma cry because **When you dishonor your mom, you destroy your own legacy.**