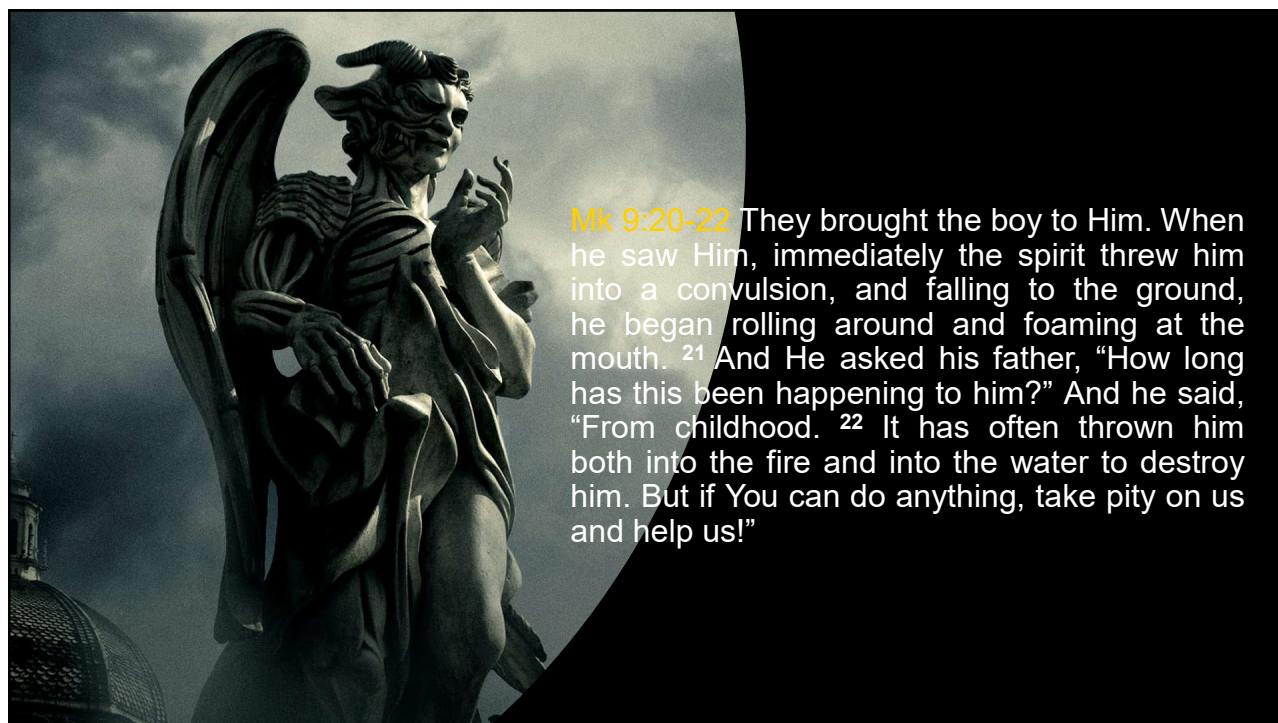
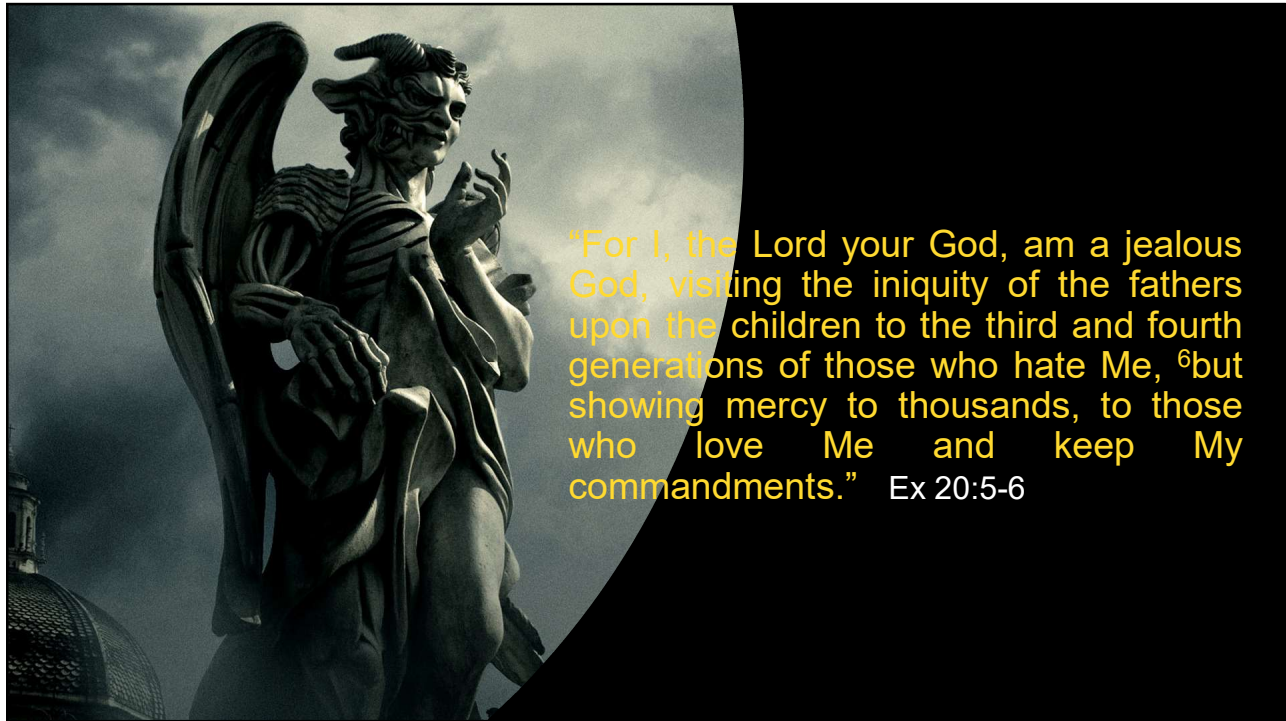




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## 1. Does the Bible teach generational curses?

**Ezk 18:2-4, 20** “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup> “As I live,” says the Lord God, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. ... <sup>20</sup> The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

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- The curse of sin is passed from one generation to the other

**Rom 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

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- Christ became a curse for us to release us from the curse

**Gal 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

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- Children are not responsible for the sins of their parents

**Deut 24:16** "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

**2 Chron 25:4** However he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin."

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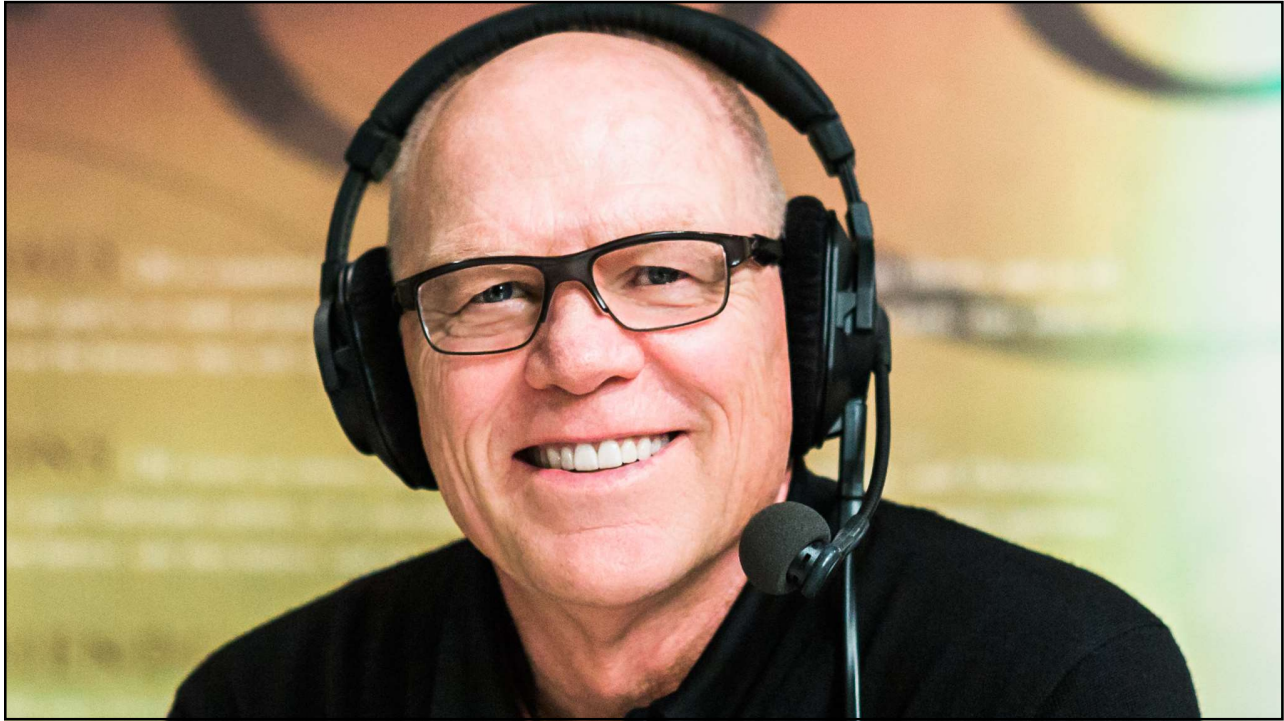
- Each person is responsible for his/her own sin based upon their own decisions/actions

**Deut 11:26-28** "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; <sup>28</sup> and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

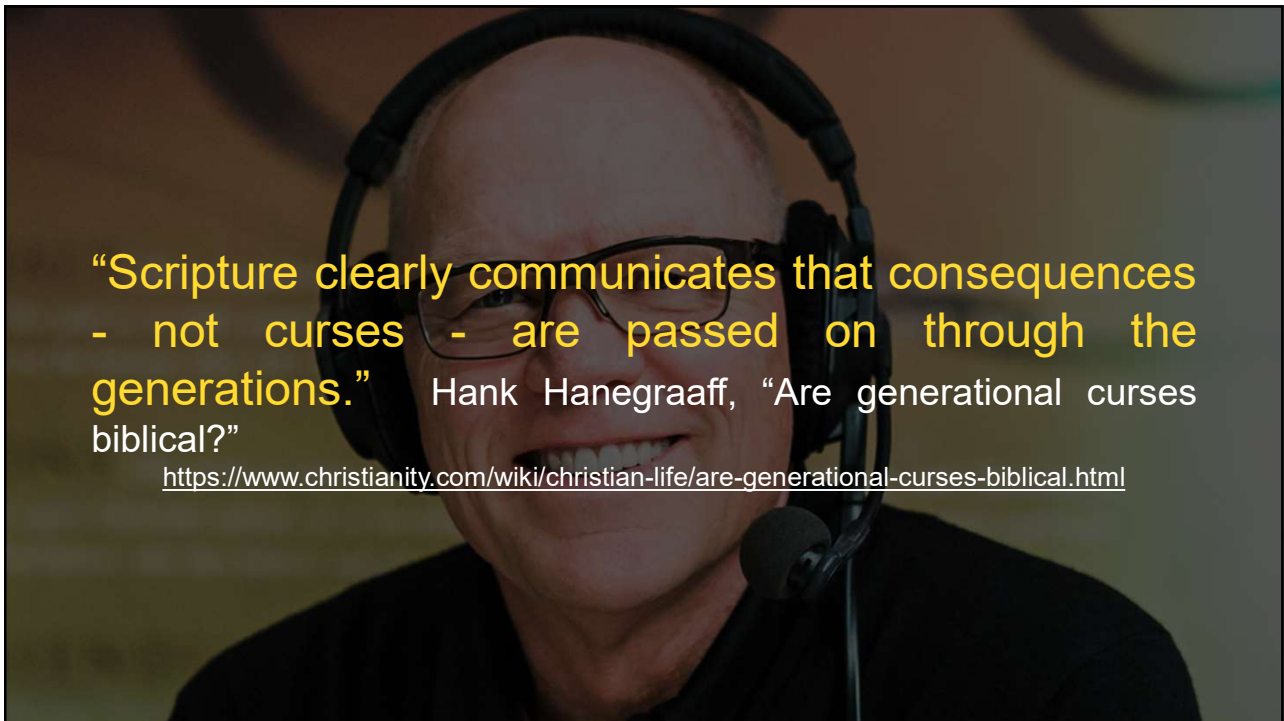
**Josh 6:18** And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

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- Personal repentance is the only remedy for sin

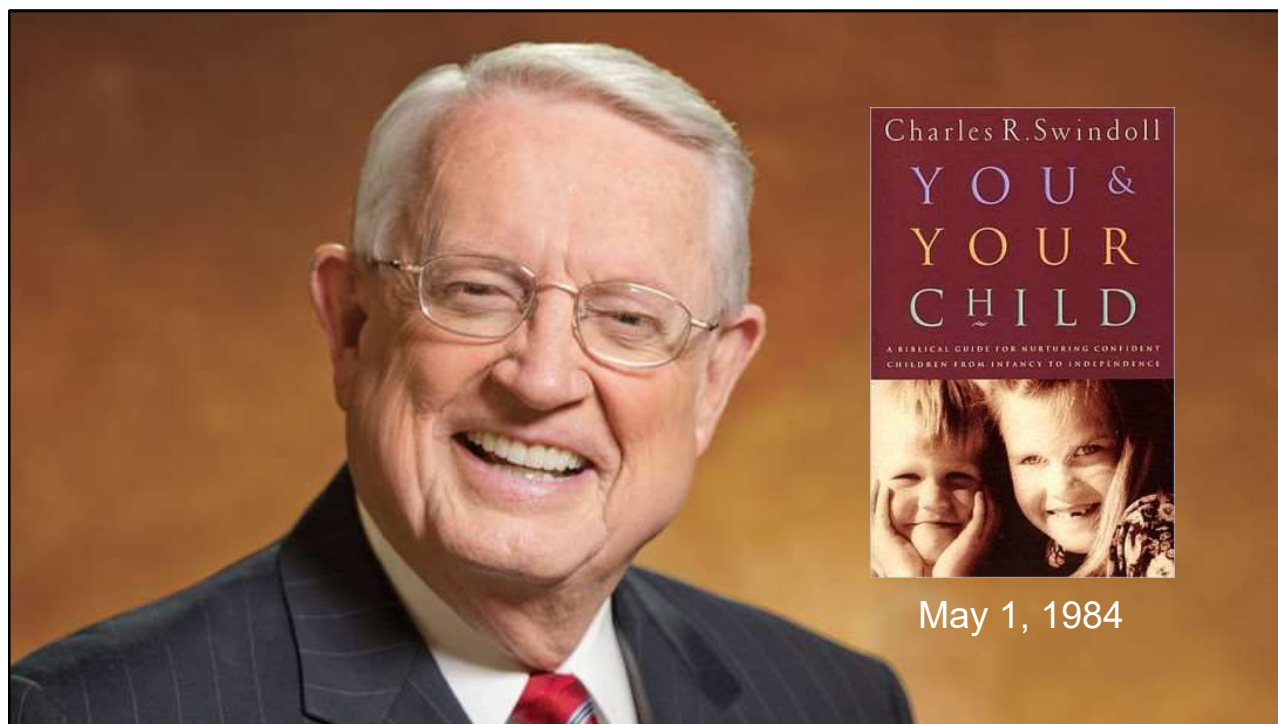
Is 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

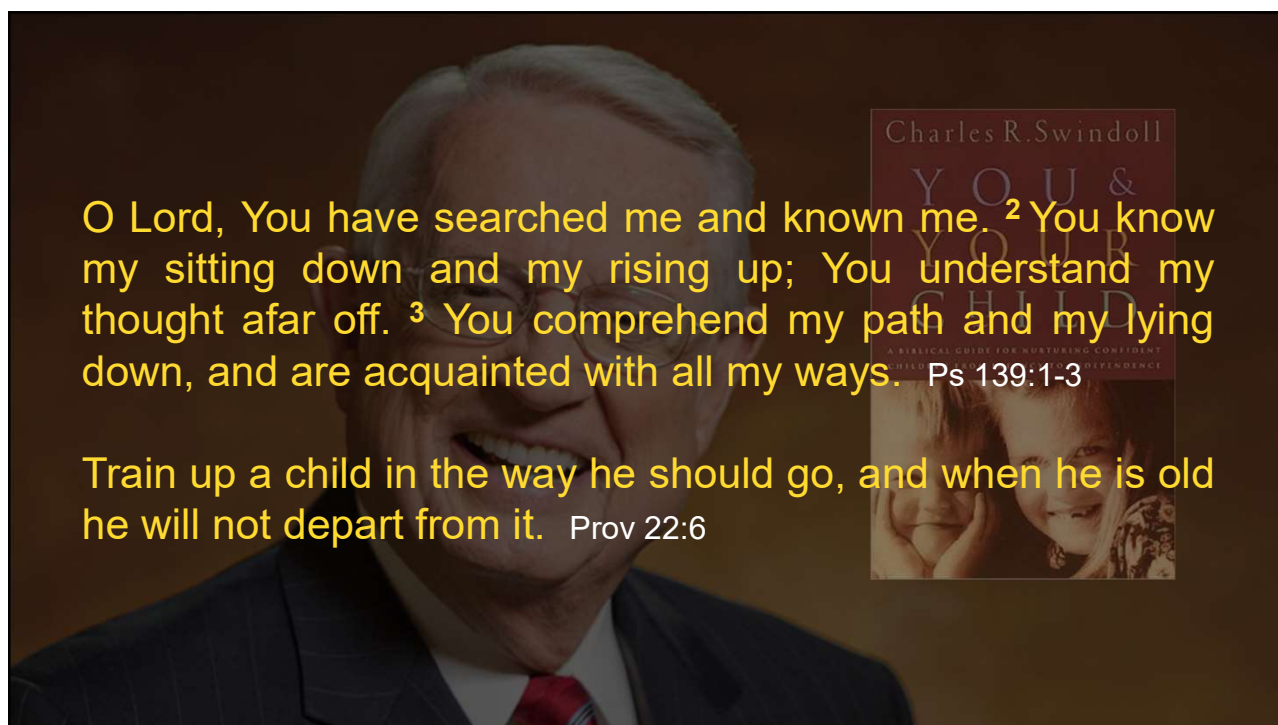
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“For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup>but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” Ex 20:5-6

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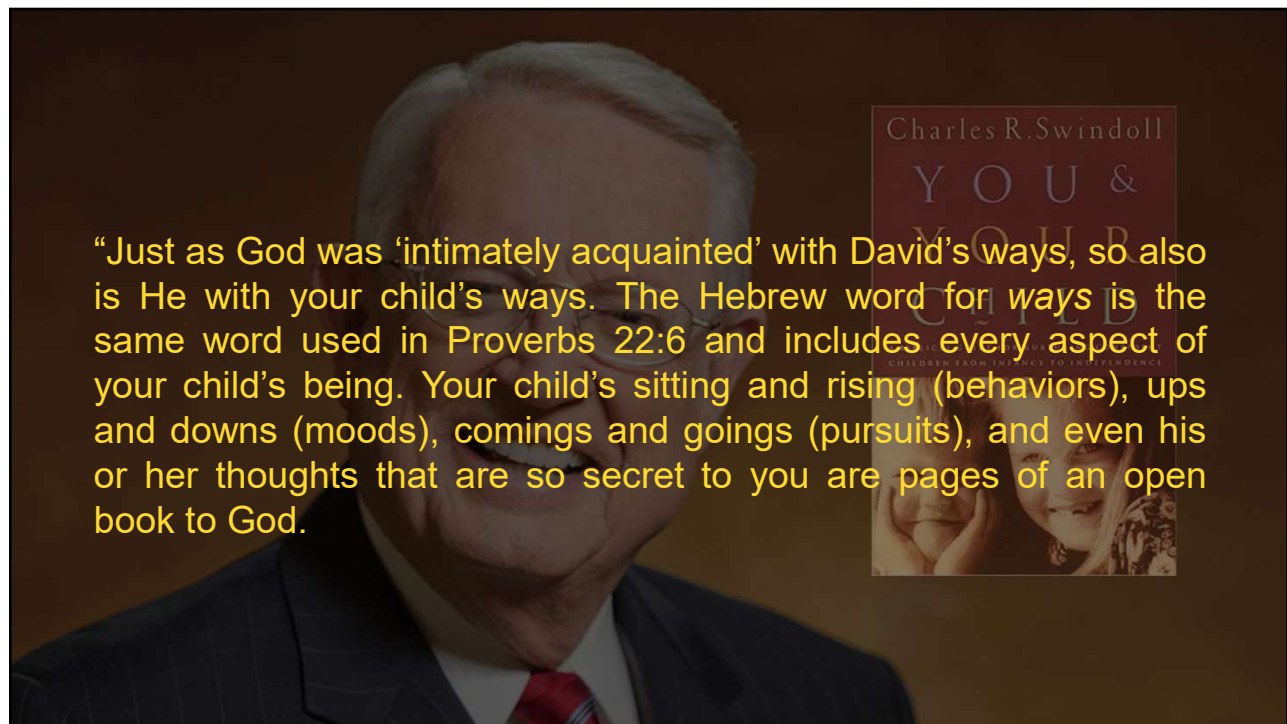


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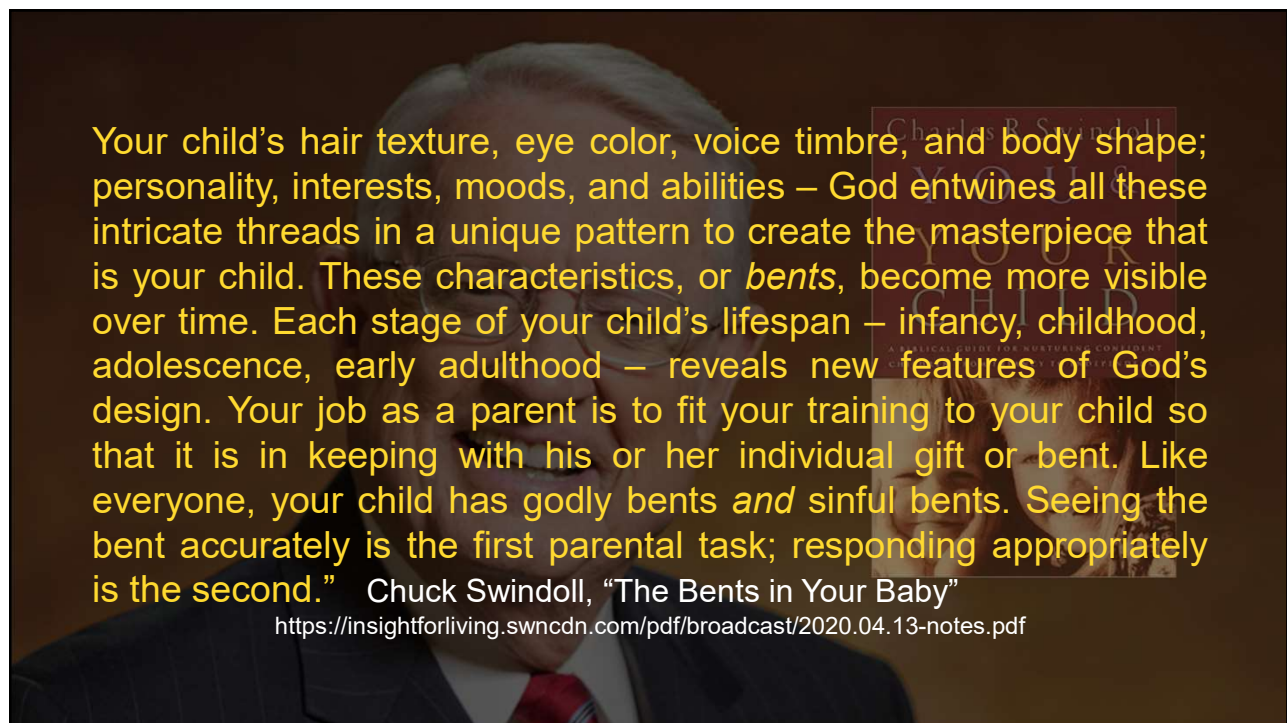


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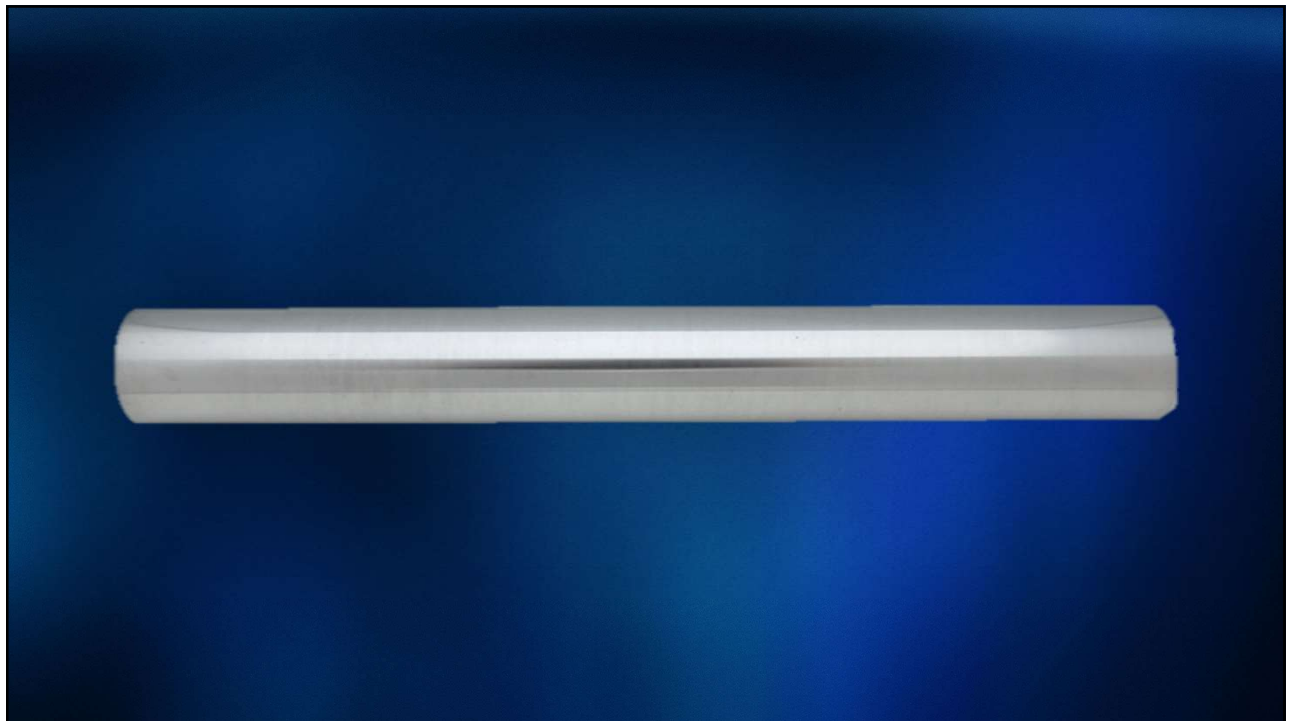


## Focus on the Family:

“Common sense tells us that behavior and attitude problems tend to run in families. Just like physical characteristics of height, weight, hair color, and complexion. In the same way, certain types of sin can pass from generation to generation. This is particularly true of addictive behaviors such as alcoholism. Similarly, physical and sexual abuse might become ingrained in the psychological legacy of certain families. However, none of this should be viewed in terms of an irreversible ‘curse.’”

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/family-qa/understanding-the-generational-curse-of-exodus-347/>

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## 2. Way = iniquities = “bents”



**Prov 22:6** Train up a child in the **way** he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Bents:** particular personality traits, leanings, strengths, & weaknesses

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## 3. A chain of bents in Abraham's family

**Gen 12:13, 20:2:** Abraham says Sarah is his sister

**Gen 26:7** Isaac says Rebekah is his sister

**Gen 27:19** Jacob says he is Esau

**Gen 37:31-32** Jacob's sons lie about Joseph

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## 4. There is always hope in Christ

**Ex 20:6** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

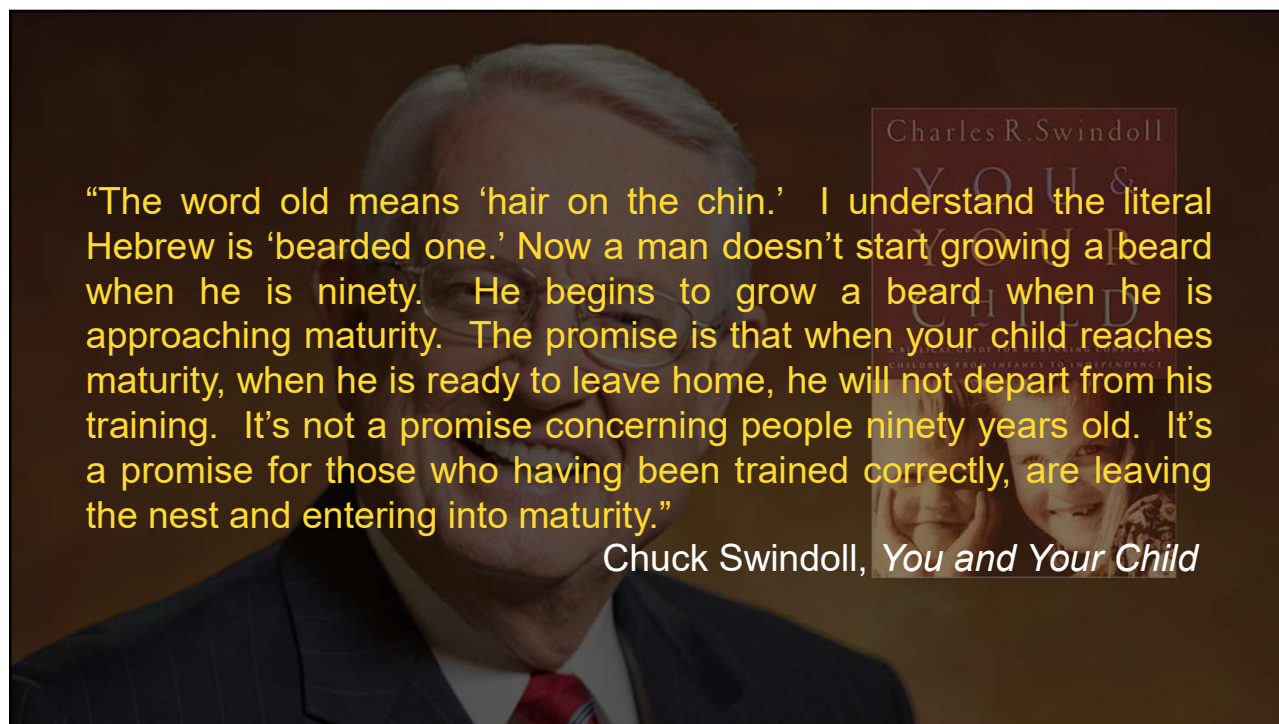
**Acts 2:39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**2 Tim 1:5** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

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Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is **old** he will not depart from it. Prov 22:6

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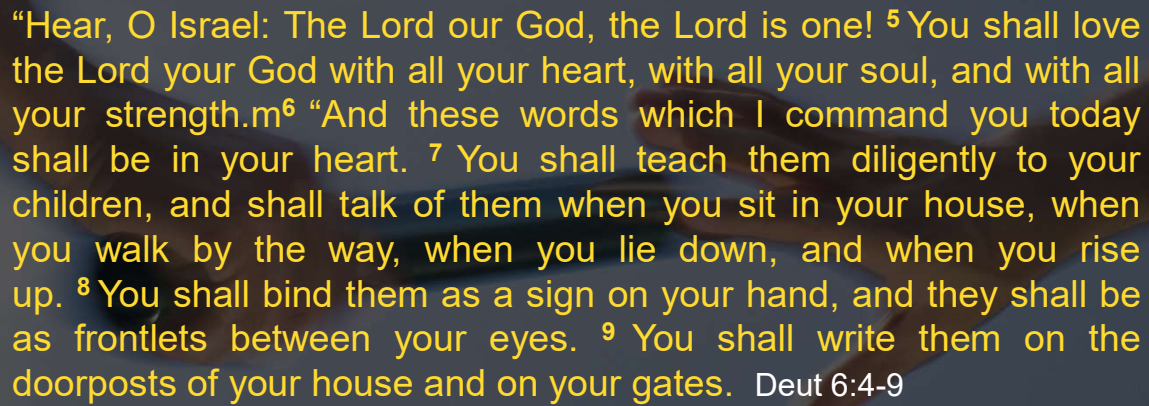


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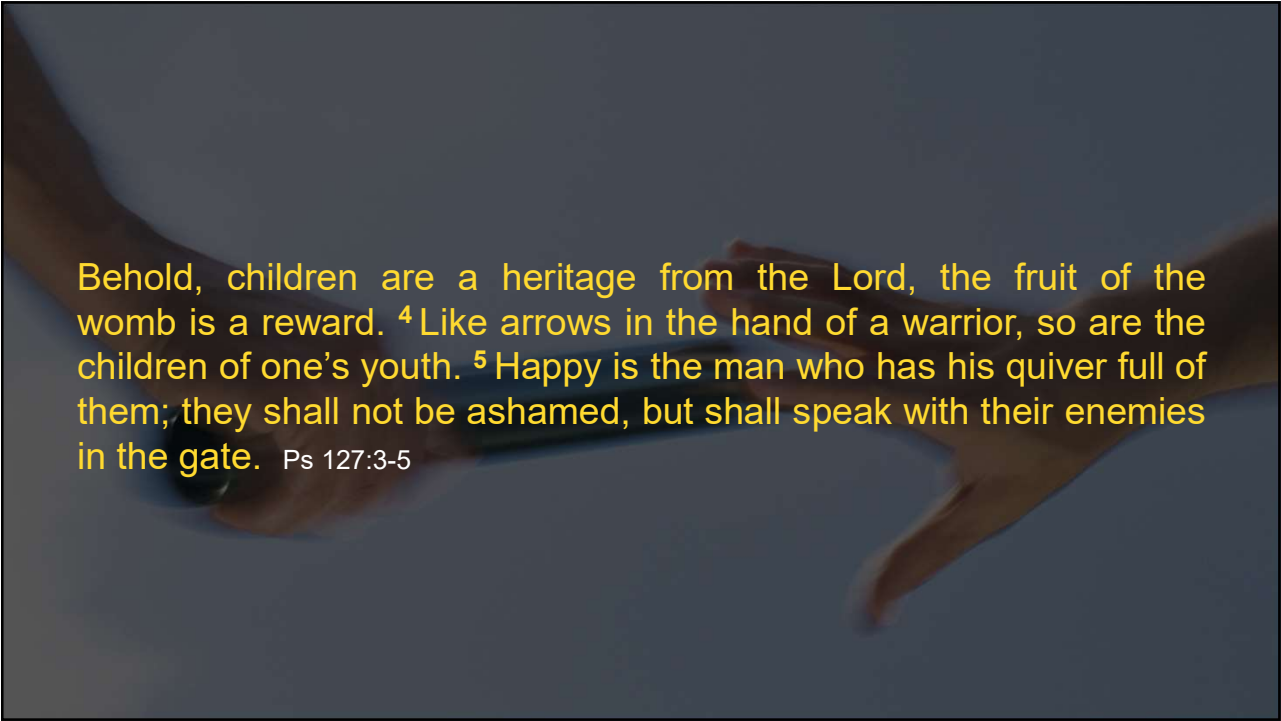
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“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.<sup>6</sup> “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deut 6:4-9

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Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. <sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate. Ps 127:3-5

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