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The House of Kindness Must Have Afterglow: The Power of Family Virtues

Deuteronomy chapter 12:28

12:28 Be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving you, so that it may always go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

Family is an important link in every person's life, it carries the seeds of love, warmth, education and values. There is a famous Chinese saying, "A house of goodness must have a good afterglow," which emphasizes the importance of cultivating virtues and positive values in the family. This quote reminds us that a family full of love and good deeds will always be filled with happiness and well-being.

First of all, the House of Benevolence is a loving family. Love is the cornerstone of the family, and it provides emotional support and security to family members. When family members care for each other, they are more willing to help each other and face life's challenges together. This power of love brings families closer together and helps to build strong family relationships.

Secondly, the House of Good Deeds is a family full of virtues. Family members learn how to be kind, generous, and responsible people in such an environment. These virtues are not only beneficial for individual growth, but also for society and communities. A family full of virtues will pass on these values to the next generation, making them useful citizens to society.

The House of Kindness is a family full of positive values. These values include honesty, integrity, respect, and generosity. When family members adhere to these values, they build a morally uppperated environment that can help them make the right choices in life. Such positive values also help to prevent conflicts and conflicts in the family.

The House of Good is a family full of happiness and well-being. Family members are generally happier when they support each other, respect each other, and adhere to positive values. This happiness is not only manifested on a material level, but also on an emotional level. Family members will feel warm and fulfilled in this family environment, which is a priceless asset.

The Bible contains many verses that teach us to accumulate good deeds and to focus on character and moral values. Here are some related verses from the Bible:

Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. "

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not lose heart when we do good, but if we do not lose heart, the harvest will come." "

II Corinthians 9:6

"What is sown less is harvested, and what is more reaped is more. "

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." "

I Timothy 6:18

"And exhort them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be willing to give, and to be willing to provide to others." "

Titus 2:7

"All things must be in the form of doing good. Be pure and dignified in your teachings. "

I Peter 2:12

"Let your deeds be good among the Gentiles, that they may slander you in whatever way, and when they see your good works, they will glorify God in the day of inspection." "

Titus 3:8

"This is true, and I want you to have great faith in these things, that those who have believed in God should be attentive to doing good. It's all good, and it's good for people. "

These verses emphasize the value of positive good works, reminding us to glorify God with integrity, generosity, and good works in our lives, while also serving others and society. These principles have an important place in Christian doctrine, encouraging believers to be virtuous and benevolent people.

Christians can become virtuous writers by nurturing virtues and passing on positive moral values in the family by:

Education based on biblical principles: Christians can use the Bible as a basis for educating their family members. The Bible contains many teachings about morality, morality, and good deeds that can be used to teach children and family members how to do good.

Set a positive example: Christians should use their lives as a positive example to demonstrate Christian values. This includes honesty, generosity, forgiveness, and love for others. Through personal example, family members can learn how to do good.

Participating in good deeds: Families can participate in various good deeds and charitable activities together, such as volunteering, donating, caring for the disadvantaged, etc. Such involvement helps foster generosity and compassion among family members.

Family worship and prayer: Regular family worship and prayer times can help family members reflect on their actions together, seek God's guidance, and pray for strength to do good. This helps to strengthen the family's culture of faith and good deeds.

Dialogue and education: There should be an open and honest conversation between family members about the importance of ethics and values. Parents can teach their children the right moral values and encourage them to do good in life.

Be generous and help others: Encourage family members to be generous and help others within their means. This can include helping neighbors, relatives, or people in the community, or getting involved in international charity work.

Respect and affection: Building good relationships and respect in the family is an important part of cultivating good deeds. Mutual respect and care between family members contribute to a harmonious family atmosphere.

In these ways, Christians can become benevolent writers and build families full of good deeds, generosity, and love. This not only contributes to the growth of individual family members, but also helps to pass on these virtues to the next generation, making a positive impact on society and communities.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for providing us with a valuable platform for family to grow, learn, share and pass on your virtues and loves. We ask for Your blessings and wisdom to help us become good writers and to pass on virtues and positive moral values as your Bible teaches.

Give us wisdom so that we can educate our family members on biblical principles and teach them how to do good, be generous, compassionate, and respectful of others.

Please make us a positive example and show our family members your compassion and love in our way of life and behavior. May we glorify you with acts of honesty, generosity, forgiveness, and love.

Help us to actively participate in good and charitable work and contribute to society and communities together. Let our family members learn the importance of generosity and compassion.

Give us a strong faith that we may seek your guidance in family worship and prayer, reflect on our actions, and pray for strength to do good. May these family moments help strengthen our culture of faith and good deeds.

Let us maintain an open and honest dialogue in the family to educate and guide our children so that they understand the right morals and encourage them to do good in their lives and uphold their morals and values.

Most importantly, please give us the heart of generosity and helping others so that we can help those in need, whether neighbors, relatives, or strangers. May our families be witnesses of love and generosity.

Finally, let's build good relationships and respect in the family so that the family is a place of kindness, generosity, and love. May our family become a good witness and work together to glorify you.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

## Deuteronomy chapter 12

De. 12:1 These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess — as long as you live in the land.

De. 12:2 Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods.

De. 12:3 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

De. 12:4 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.

De. 12:5 But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;

De. 12:6 there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

De. 12:7 There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you.

De. 12:8 You are not to do as we do here today, everyone as he sees fit,

De. 12:9 since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you.

De. 12:10 But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

De. 12:11 Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name — there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

De. 12:12 And there rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

De. 12:13 Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please.

De. 12:14 Offer them only at the place the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you.

De. 12:15 Nevertheless, you may slaughter your animals in any of your towns and eat as much of the meat as you want, as if it were gazelle or deer, according to the blessing the LORD your God gives you. Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat it.

De. 12:16 But you must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water.

De. 12:17 You must not eat in your own towns the tithe of your grain and new wine and oil, or the firstborn of your herds and flocks, or whatever you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts.

De. 12:18 Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place the LORD your God will choose — you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns — and you are to rejoice before the LORD your God in everything you put your hand to.

De. 12:19 Be careful not to neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land.

De. 12:20 When the LORD your God has enlarged your territory as he promised you, and you crave meat and say, “I would like some meat,” then you may eat as much of it as you want.

De. 12:21 If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put his Name is too far away from you, you may slaughter animals from the herds and flocks the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you, and in your own towns you may eat as much of them as you want.

De. 12:22 Eat them as you would gazelle or deer. Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat.

De. 12:23 But be sure you do not eat the blood, because the blood is the life, and you must not eat the life with the meat.

De. 12:24 You must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water.

De. 12:25 Do not eat it, so that it may go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

De. 12:26 But take your consecrated things and whatever you have vowed to give, and go to the place the LORD will choose.

De. 12:27 Present your burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD your God, both the meat and the blood. The blood of your sacrifices must be poured beside the altar of the LORD your God, but you may eat the meat.

De. 12:28 Be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving you, so that it may always go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

De. 12:29 The LORD your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have

driven them out and settled in their land,

De. 12:30 and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by enquiring about their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same." De. 12:31 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshipping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the LORD hates. They even burn their sons

and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.

De. 12:32 See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

In Chapter 12, Moses continues his instructions to the Israelites on how to worship God in the land of Canaan. He emphasizes the importance of worshiping at the central sanctuary that God will choose, rather than worshiping at any location they choose. Moses instructs the Israelites to destroy all the altars, pillars, and other pagan religious objects in the land of Canaan and to worship God in a way that is different from the pagan nations around them. He also forbids the Israelites from offering sacrifices anywhere other than the central sanctuary.

Furthermore, Moses instructs the Israelites to be careful not to add or subtract from God's commands, and to obey them completely. He also warns them not to follow the practices of the pagan nations around them, such as divination, sorcery, or consulting with the dead.

Moses then goes on to provide detailed instructions for the proper way to offer sacrifices, including tithes and firstfruits. He reminds the Israelites to be generous to the Levites, the foreigners, the orphans, and the widows among them.

Overall, Chapter 12 emphasizes the importance of worshiping God in the way He has commanded, and not in the way that the pagan nations around them worship their gods. Moses instructs the Israelites to destroy all pagan religious objects and to worship at the central sanctuary. He also provides detailed instructions for offering sacrifices, including tithes and firstfruits, and reminds the Israelites to be generous to those in need.

Here are some key verses from Chapter 12 of the Book of Deuteronomy in the Christian Bible:

1. "These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land." (Deuteronomy 12:1)
2. "You must destroy all the places where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods—on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree." (Deuteronomy 12:2)
3. "But you are to seek the place the Lord your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go." (Deuteronomy 12:5)
4. "You are not to do as we do here today, everyone doing as they see fit." (Deuteronomy 12:8)
5. "Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please." (Deuteronomy 12:13)

These verses speak to the importance of following God's laws and decrees in the land that He has given to the Israelites. They call on the Israelites to destroy the places where other nations worship their gods and instead seek the place where God has chosen to put His name. The verses warn against doing what is right in one's own eyes and sacrificing burnt offerings anywhere one pleases. They emphasize the importance of following God's commands in a specific way, as directed by Him.

Chapter 12 of the Book of Deuteronomy focuses on the centralization of worship and the proper worship of God. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

**Exclusive Worship of God:** Moses instructs the Israelites to destroy all the places where the pagan nations worship their gods and to worship only the Lord in the place He chooses. This highlights the importance of exclusive devotion to God and the rejection of idolatry. It reminds us to prioritize and center our worship on God alone, avoiding the temptation to worship false gods or idols.

**Centralization of Worship:** Moses emphasizes the need for a central place of worship, which God will choose. This is to prevent the Israelites from offering sacrifices in various locations and to maintain the purity and integrity of their worship. It teaches us the importance of gathering together as a community to worship God, to receive His word, and to participate in corporate worship.

**Reverent Worship:** Moses instructs the Israelites on the proper way to worship God, including the procedures for offering sacrifices and presenting offerings. He emphasizes the need for reverence and obedience in worship, ensuring that it is done according to God's prescribed manner. This reminds us to approach God in humility, reverence, and obedience, offering our worship and sacrifices with sincerity and purity of heart.

**Caring for Levites and the Less Fortunate:** Moses reminds the Israelites of their responsibility to provide for the Levites, who serve in the tabernacle, and for the less fortunate in their midst, including the foreigners, orphans, and widows. This underscores the importance of compassion, generosity, and social justice in our worship and daily lives. It prompts us to care for those in need and to extend hospitality and love to strangers and marginalized individuals.

**Avoiding Syncretism and Idolatry:** Moses warns the Israelites against being ensnared by the practices and beliefs of the pagan nations. He urges them to be diligent in destroying all forms of idolatry and to not inquire about how the pagan nations worship their gods. This teaches us the importance of maintaining our spiritual purity and guarding against syncretism, the blending of different religious beliefs or practices.

**Obedying God's Commands:** Moses emphasizes the call to obey all the commandments and statutes given by God. He reminds the Israelites that obedience to God's commands will bring them blessings and ensure their success in the land. This underscores the importance of wholehearted obedience and faithfulness to God's Word in our own lives.

In summary, Deuteronomy 12 prompts reflection on the themes of exclusive worship of God, the centralization of worship, reverent worship, caring for others, avoiding syncretism and idolatry, and obeying God's commands. These reflections call us to prioritize and center our worship on God alone, gather together in community to worship Him, approach Him with reverence and obedience, care for those in need, guard against false beliefs and practices, and faithfully obey God's commands in all aspects of our lives.



