

Difficulties

Scripture: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

~ Psalm 34:11

Have you ever questioned whether or not you could do something that was a hard task? Ever wondered if you could live up to someone else's expectations? Maybe you are trying to be as athletic as your parents were in high school or be as smart as one of your other siblings. Due to the nature of sin being present in the world, we will always face a difficulty somewhere along life's way.

As you watch your mom do laundry and iron clothes, or see your dad preparing for taxes or paying a stack of bills, do you wonder if you will be able to do all those things to one day? The responsibilities of parents have are too great for you to worry about now, but one day you will be the adult making those decisions. However, when your parents give you chores to do around the house, they are teaching you to do some of the things that they do. By doing them well, you are showing your parents how responsible you are. They will know when you are ready to do tasks that require greater responsibility. David taught Solomon to become responsible and gave him all the instructions and plans he would need for building the Temple.

Your parents are not perfect—just as David wasn't perfect. And so, even when they make mistakes, you still need to respect and obey them. Just as David helped Solomon, your parents are helping you to do practical things like plan, make decisions and save, and they are teaching you to live a life that is right and leads to happiness. Remember what the 10-finger states- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

Prayer: Lord, please help me to follow directions and be willing to trust you in difficult circumstances. I know I can accomplish a lot more with you than I could without you. In Jesus name, Amen!

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