

PRAISE

Praise comes in many forms ranging from the simple recognition of one's accomplishments or successes to the exaltation and glorification of one who is worthy to be called king or master. When a developing child does a good deed or behaves, the parent should be quick to praise his conduct or behavior as a positive reinforcement. When a team or group accomplishes their goals and objectives at or above the expectation, they should be praised for hard work, determination, and the other attributes leading to success. But when a king or master, who holds such power and position, is all loving and forgiving among many other attributes of goodness, praise and worship should be unparallel and unchallenged. Praise God from whom all blessing flow...

Praise of even the smallest is this range has much value to a relationship. A word of encouragement such as:

- 👉 "Good Job"
- 👉 "Way-to-go"
- 👉 "Keep-up the good work"
- 👉 "That's what I'm talking about..."

Such simple comments do wonders for motivating and empowering others to succeed; and sets an example for them to follow in their own opportunity to praise others.

Most of us, swimming against the tides of trouble the world know nothing about, need only a bit of praise or encouragement - and we will make the goal.

- Jerome P. Fleishman

Positive reinforcements or rewards must be included in the balance of instructing and leading. A relationship of strictly negative reinforcements or penalties is one that is probably a dictatorship or autocracy where those in subjection are motivated by fear and oppression. Such methods will become diluted over time as those in subjection grow weary and hopeless; and, consequently, become less responsive to or motivated by penalties, fear, etc.

For young people, the ability to praise others and ultimately God is to some degree determined by the praise received by parents and others. Without receiving praise, but perhaps instructed through many negatives, the young person learns that duty and obedience are performed out of fear rather than a positive reason such as love and devotion. At the same time, these young people are less accepting of praise and recognition because they do not think they are worthy or have earned it – praise is foreign to them.

Our praise for God is necessary – his love and devotion to us, who have sinned against him, is reason to worship and praise him. Our desire for his praise toward us ("Well done good and faithful servant") should be valued and desired more than any other source of praise.

In a **WORD**