



Lessons from Moses—God-fearing Parents

You do not have to be familiar with the story of God or have a religious background to know Moses' story. From the secular elites to the ordinary person, many know at least a little about Moses. The help of movies like the "Ten Commandments" or the Disney version of "The Prince of Egypt" has helped keep Moses' story alive in the modern world.

What can we learn from Moses' story? My first experience with a detailed account of Moses was back in bible college. I had an Old Testament professor share some insight from Moses' life that I had never heard before. [1] In a series of post throughout this fall, I want to share some of these insights. I want to highlight some key moments of Moses' life and see how we should relate to this ancient leader of God's people.

From the beginning, we are introduced to Moses and see this man is set apart from others in Israel for a specific purpose. We get this from what tribe his parents are from. His father and mother are Levites. (Ex. 2:1–2) The reader could conclude that they were God-fearing. Now, I'm aware no one gets to choose to be born into a God-fearing home, but those who do should humbly know that they are blessed even though most children take it for granted. Whenever your story has been shaped by God-fearing parents or grandparents, you are invited to consider yourself blessed (Ps. 127. 3-5; Prov. 18-9). Many other characters in the Scriptures were blessed to have God-fearing parents too. One example would be Timothy, who's Mother and Grandmother had a "sincere faith." (2 Tim. 1:5) Timothy had been shaped by these two women. Paul even reminds Timothy his faith was demonstrated by those before him.

What this means for us is if we had God-fearing parents, we should take some time and be thankful to the Lord for His generosity to put us in such a home. If we didn't have God-fearing parents, we should take some time and pray for our parents to come to know our awesome God and be prayerful that we leave a legacy to our own families.

[1] Note these lessons are not my own. I'm indebted to one of my heroes of the Faith, Wilbur Fields. Fields wrote, *Old Testament History: An Overview of Sacred History & Truth* (Joplin, MO: College Press Publishing Company, 1996), 147, where I will take these lessons from.