



SUBMITTING PARENTS AND
CHILDREN
EPH. 6:1-4
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I. Introduction

Parents, we are to love our children as the treasures from heaven God made them to be and children, you are to love and obey your parents as the single greatest expression of honoring the Lord.

II. Wise Direction for Children (vv. 1-3)

- a. It's hard to reject love that is deliberate (Titus 2:14)
- b. 4 key things—Exemplifying Christ, praying regularly, paying attention, faithfulness

III. Wise Direction for Parent (v. 4)

DO NOT BE:

- a. UNREASONABLE
- b. You were not called to be the 'coach of criticism'
- c. STOP being TOO busy!
- d. Inconsistent behavior

DO BE:

- a. REAL to your kids
- b. AFFECTIONATE to your kids
- c. DISCIPLINED in discipline
- d. NURTURING your kids
- e. THEIR #1 encourager

IV. Conclusion

When God calls us to be his people, our destined role in his greater plan is to be the example for other families to see as our witness to God himself. We are not called to simply come here on Sundays, put on a show of how good everything is at home, then leave only to be acting in ways contrary to our call as Christians. We are to be examples for Christ as Christian parents and children to be shared with the world.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week of: October 28, 2018
Title: Direction for Parents and Children
Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

Kick Starters...

1. How would you describe your childhood?
2. What kind of a child were you?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Read Deut. 5:16 together. What are the principles of this verse and the generalized outcomes when this is practiced within a home?
5. What does it mean for children to "honor their parents?"
6. Read Proverbs 4:10; 30:27; 30:17. Discuss how respecting and obeying parents will change the direction of a child's life.

7. How does a 'father's provoking' of a child, lead to resentment and irritation?
8. What are some specific ways to promote and atmosphere of harmony in the parent/child relationship within the home? (hint: practicing Gal. 5:22-23)

Execute the text

9. Scripture calls us that each husband, wife, and child is living out their God-ordained roles to serve the Lord and each other. What specific things can you praying for in the CEFC family of families to be doing?
10. Parenting is the most important commitment any adult can make because it influences future generations. Name 5 things parents can be doing this week to increase the possibility of leaving a godly influence for future generations.

SBGG Sermon Based Growth Groups

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks

Billington/Reuter
Friday 7:00pm @ CEFC