

# Sermon Notes

"God's Wisdom for Parents and Children"

Ephesians 6:1-4

March 17, 2024

5. If you are a child dependent on your parents, how are you doing at obeying them? When is it hard? Do you take this command seriously? How could the general promise that God rewards obedience help you?
  
6. For Thought and Discussion: Why do you think Paul specifically addresses fathers (6:4) instead of both parents? Does this command apply to mothers as well?
  
7. If you are a parent, do you recognize ways you provoke your children? What can you do about this? (5:33)?
  
8. What does it mean to bring children up in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord"? If you are a parent, at which of these do you need to work harder?

**Let's Pray**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-17-2024

Adapted from Karen Hinkley, ed., Life Change Series: Ephesians, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1985, pp. 99-101; Keri Folmar, Grace: A Bible Study on Ephesians for Women, Cruciform Press, Minneapolis, MN, 2015, pp. 129-132; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 272; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 370-1.

## Getting Started:

1. How do you treat children differently from the way your parents treated you?

## Digging Deeper:

To get the context, read Ephesians 5:15 – 6:4.

2. How and why are children to obey their parents? What does it mean to obey your parents “in the Lord”?
3. How would you compare obeying and honoring?
4. Paul sites the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Ten Commandments (cf. Ex. 20:12). What is the promise that goes with obeying this command? In its original context, the promise was given to the people of Israel as a group rather than to individual Israelite children (cf. Deut. 4:40). Since Christians don’t live in a particular land today, how does the promise that goes along with this command apply today?