

Ephesians 6:1-4

God's Plan for Families

- I. The command for children (vv. 1-3)
 - A. The essence of the command (v. 1a)
 - "Children obey your parents"
 - B. The realm of the command (v. 1a)
 - "in the Lord"
 - C. The reasons for the command (vv. 1b-3)
 - 1. Obedience is right (v. 1b)
 - 2. Obedience is commanded (v. 2)
 - 3. Obedience brings blessing (v. 3)
- II. The command for fathers (v. 4)
 - A. Stated negatively (v. 4a)
 - do not provoke to anger
 - B. Stated positively (v. 4b)
 - 1. Nourish them
 - a. With discipline
 - b. With admonition
 - 2. In the Lord