

The Instruction Manual of Family

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Ephesians 6:1-4

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Snapshot:

As Christian fathers and children, we are commanded and called to walk worthily.

I. In the Lord, obey and honor parents (6:1-3).

II. In the Lord, discipline and instruct.

Checking in

Anything you want to share from your time in the Word this week?

How can the group be praying for/with you?

Connecting

What challenged your thinking in this week's passage?

Why?

Study

Point 1: In the Lord, obey and honor parents. (6:1-3)

READ: Deuteronomy 5:16, Proverbs 6:20, 23:22, Luke 2:51, Colossians 3:20... then Ephesians 6:1-3

REFLECT: What does submission look like in a Christian household? Why does submission in the family matter so much to Paul? Why should we honor our parents? Should Christ-followers still obey and honor abusive parents? If so, where is the line drawn when the family of God is to step in and intercede?

RESPOND: No matter where you are in life, we are all called to honor and obey our parents. What does this mean today for your life as a Christ-follower? How can you implement and grow in your love, honor and submission to your parents? How can it improve?

Point 2: In the Lord, discipline and instruct.(6:4)

READ: Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Colossians 3:21, Psalm 78:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:14-15... then Ephesians 6:4

REFLECT: Apart from God, what does fatherly teaching and rearing up look like in the 21st Century? What should it look like instead? Rather than provoking children to anger, what should fathers do instead?

RESPOND: How can rearing up godly children be an effective witness to the Gospel? If done incorrectly, how can it be a detriment to the Gospel? What are Christian fathers to do with this information now? How can you implement it to your life today?

Memorizing

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

(Ephesians 6:1)

Preparing for next week

Read: Ephesians 6:5-9

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.