

# Walk In Wisdom: Part 3

## *How to Make Family Work*

### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

- I. **Clue #1: Children are responsible to obey their parents (vv. 1-3).**
  - A. The command to children is to obey their parents (v. 1a).
  - B. The first motive for obedience is to please God (v. 1b; cf. Col. 3:23-24).
  - C. The second motive for obedience is because it is right (v. 1c; 1 Jn. 2:28-29).
  - D. The third motive for obedience is the benefits (vv. 2-3; cf. Deut. 5:16; Exod. 20:12).
- II. **Clue #2: Parents are responsible to nurture their children (v. 4).**
  - A. The Apostle Paul commands parents to not provoke children to anger (v. 4a).
  - B. The Apostle Paul commands parents to care for children in a grace based environment where children are guided toward responsible living and counseled against destructive conduct (v. 4b).
- III. **Christian families display God's wisdom to the world by children growing in God's grace through obedience to their parents and by parents modeling and teaching God's grace in the family (vv. 1-4).**
- IV. **Clue #3: Secure relationship attachments grow on the foundation of God's grace (1 Jn. 4:18-19).**
  - A. **Loving (secure) familial relationships are not built on fear, which is seen in slave master relationships (v. 18).**
  - B. **Loving (secure) familial relationships are caused by God's grace (v. 19).**
- V. **Treasure: Grow in grace.**