

SPIRIT-FILLED PARENTING
Ephesians 6:1-4

“Most foundationally, marriage is the doing of God. And ultimately, marriage is the display of God.”
John Piper

THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY FILLED WITH KIDS

WHEN PARENTS DISPLAY OBEDIENCE, IT DISCIPLES THEIR CHILDREN TOWARD OBEDIENCE

Ephesians 1
...blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

Ephesians 2
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast...

Ephesians 3
...bow their knees before the father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named ...more abundantly than we can ask or think.

Ephesians 4
...eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace....unwholesome talk comes out of your mouth...

Ephesians 5
However, let each one of you love his wife as

himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (ESV)

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Children obey their Parents when they...Hear what they say & do what they said.

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JUST DO THE NEXT RIGHT THING

Colossians 3:20 (ESV)

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OUR OBEDIENCE BRINGS GOD’S PLEASURE

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LET'S HELP OUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THAT HONOR MATTERS

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GOD REWARDS RIGHT LIVING

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WAYS WE CAN PROVOKE OUR CHILDREN:

- **Judgmental Speech...**
- **Comparison**
- **Unrealistic Expectations**
- **Conditional Forgiveness**

Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

GODLY PARENTS PUT COURAGE INTO THEIR CHILDREN

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PARENTS HAVE TO BE WILLING TO DO THE WORK OF PARENTING