

EPHESIANS

Spirit-Filled Children

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3

Under My Roof (v 1)

(2 Tim 3:1-5, Col 3:20)

Honour Where Honour is Due (v 2-3)

(Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16, 21:18-21; Ex 21:15, 17; Prov 30:17; Lev 20:9)

But ...

Where do children primarily learn obedience and honour?

How do we honour the dishonourable?

The call to children is the call to Jesus' followers.

Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

June 5-6, 2021



Ephesians 6:1-3

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Follow along with Pastor Wade as he breaks down this verse for us.

1. **Children** – Kids weren’t normally talked to in a church setting back when Paul addressed the Ephesian church, so people took notice!
2. **Obey** – To obey means to do what you’re asked/told, but it also means to honour someone with our actions (that means not being sassy or rude when we obey). Paul uses a Greek word here for obey that means it isn’t just a one-time thing. We are to obey our parents *all* the time – as long as we live under their roof!
3. **Your parents** – This means we need to obey *both* of our parents.
4. **In the Lord** – The only time we should not do what a parent is asking is when it goes against Jesus or the Bible (like lying or stealing). Jesus is our first priority, even above our parents!
5. **For this is right** – Obeying is the right thing to do!
6. **Honour** – Honour means to respect, submit, love, appreciate and have high regard for someone. Wow! That’s a pretty powerful word! When we honour someone with our heart and mind it comes out in our actions and words.
7. **Your father and mother** – In Bible times, a lot of cultures didn’t think it was important to honour and obey your mother as well as your father. God makes it clear here that *both* parents are equally important and should be obeyed/honoured.
8. **This is the first commandment with a promise** – The first four commandments of the Bible are about our relationship with God; the fifth is about family relationships and is the first with a promise.
9. **That it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land** – In Bible times not listening to your parents literally meant death! Gulp! But because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, this part of the verse, for us, means that God has asked us to obey so we will!

Questions to ask as a family.

1. Which part of this verse stood out for you the most? Why?
2. What part of this verse is the most challenging for you? Why?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, outlined by a dashed black line. This box is intended for a child to draw a picture of what they learned today.

Family Challenge

This week, to keep in the theme of obeying your parents/guardians, let them choose a fun family activity! Practice having an honouring attitude (see the last page) and do what they would like with a smile and joy-filled heart!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Family game night! Grab your favourite board/card/video game and play together.
- Go for a walk/bike ride together. Get outside and enjoy the warm weather!
- Bake some treats! Pick your favourite recipe and have the whole family help. Those who don't like baking can always be taste testers and the clean-up crew.
- Cool off! It's been a hot week. Do an outdoor water activity to cool down and have some fun together. Grab your sprinkler, water balloons or whatever you can find and get wet.

Honouring Attitude

One of the hardest parts about obeying can be our attitudes! Pastor Wade talked about honour in our Bible verses (Ephesians 6:1-3) and mentioned that honour goes hand in hand with obeying. This week, your challenge is to have a GREAT attitude (and honouring attitude!) as you obey. Every time a parent/guardian/sibling notices you obeying with an honouring attitude, they can put a sticker or draw a smiley face on the chart below. At the end of the week, count up your stickers/smiley faces and talk about if it was easier or harder to obey with an honouring attitude.

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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:1-3



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do we learn from this passage and message about God our Father? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels and how He views us, His children?
 - b. What challenges do you face in being a Spirit-filled child (both as a child of your earthly parents and a child of your heavenly Father)?
 - c. What are some ways our small group can help each other to be Spirit-filled children who honour their parents well?
 - d. For those who still have children at home, how can our small group help and support your children to obey and honour you well? And how can we best support you as you raise your kids to live this way?
3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
5. Think about Pastor Al’s words about father-wounds last week, and Pastor Wade’s challenge to honour your father and mother this week. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to whatever God is showing you?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).