

# Ephesians 6:1-4

## Scripture Translations:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. NKJV

1 Children, *if you want to be wise*, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. 2 For the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” was the first of the *Ten Commandments* with a promise attached: 3 “You will prosper and live a long, full life *if you honor your parents.*” 4 Fathers, don’t exasperate your children, but raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord.

The Passion Translation

**Use other translations to provide deeper insight into this passage.**

## Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Obey
- Right
- Honor
- Promise
- Well
- Provide
- Wrath
- Training and admonition

## Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

### Questions:

1. The apostle Paul now transitions in his letter to the ecclesia in Ephesus from the husband/wife relationship to the relationship between the fathers and their children. Explain how this fits the entire direction of the letter relating to the unity of the body of Christ and its importance to a healthy and productive ecclesia.
2. List some social ills that have occurred in our society that are directly related to an absence of “fathers”.
3. Explain how natural fathers are representative of the heavenly father, Yahweh, and why this relationship is so very important.
4. How has the enemy of Christ tried to undermine this relationship between fathers and children? How important are mothers to keeping the peace between both parties of fathers and children?
5. Why would Yahweh attach a promise of prosperity and long life to honoring your parents if it wasn’t of paramount importance? Do you feel children believe this is true today? Explain.
6. How do fathers tend to exasperate and provoke their children to wrath? Write out your views on a balanced approach to rearing children in today’s culture, given it’s focus on removing authority figures and structures.

### Faith Declarations:

- Father, I value today what you value today!! And given that unity within the family and the body of Christ is so important to your kingdom being expressed, I humble myself before you and submit myself to those you’ve established as divine representatives of your authority and leadership. I do not worship man/woman, but recognize and acknowledge your presence and anointing in their life to provide leadership to others.
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