

Ephesians | Raising Kids
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Read Ephesians 6:1-4

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 so that it may turn out well for you, and that you may live long on the earth.4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1. What makes a child's obedience so important - "this is right?"
2. How is 'honor' different from 'obey'?
3. How old should a person obey and honor his parents? What principles apply here?
4. What is the promise that is associated with the command here (Ephesians 6:2-3)?
5. What does it mean not to 'provoke your children to anger?' How does it happen. Share an incident from your life, if possible, you provoked or were provoked.
6. What kind of instruction is mentioned here? How can parents implement this? Again, share from your experiences.
7. Which of the 3 instructions (be reasonable, affirm them, and spend time with them) do you find most difficult as a parent and why?
8. Why are reasonable expectations for our kids necessary?
9. Think about a time you were encouraged (affirmed) growing up. How did this make you feel? Why is affirmation necessary for our kids today?
10. What are some ways you can spend time with your kids this week?

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Obedience

Greek: hupakouó- This word obey is, literally, the Greek word stand under. It means "to be under another's authority," It means to follow orders.

Why is obedience necessary in our homes?

- Obedience honors the Lord and is right

Ephesians 6:2-3 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may turn out well for you, and that you may live long on the earth.

- Means to hold your parents in a place of the highest respect.
- It means you love them, serve them, care for them, and respect them

Exodus 20:12 ESV

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

That right respect for your parents will carry on throughout your adulthood into other areas in your life where you are required to respect authority. It will prosper you.

Ephesians 6:4 “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Be Reasonable

Affirm, Compliment and Encourage

- Don't demand too much for their age, and emotional state.
- Don't find fault with everything. Pick at them. Nothing is ever good enough.

Spend time with them.

- The greatest gift you can give your child is to be with them. Do what they love.

Gentleness and love are needed

Training is needed

Instruction is needed