

Fail #1

Thinking your children's _____ development is the _____ responsibility.

Fail #2

Being deceived into thinking that keeping children _____ is as important as _____ them be _____.

Fail #3

Being more concerned with children that are _____ than the _____ of the _____ of _____.

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Group Questions

1. What stood out to you most about this week's message? Was there anything new to you, or anything you were glad to be reminded of?
2. Share with the group a time that you distinctly remember going against your parents will.
 - a. What was your thinking at the time? What was the driving force at making you choose disobedience?
 - b. What happened? How were you disciplined?
 - c. If you were the parent, what would you have done differently and why?
3. At some point in every society "obedience" seems to end but "honor" never should. If your parents are still living, where do you struggle with this command even today?
 - a. If your parents are no longer living, where did you struggle with this most while they were alive?
 - b. What do you think about this promise in V3... Does it apply to all or just the Jews? If just the Jews, then why did Paul say it here? If it applies to all, how might we interpret it for ourselves today in this day and age?
4. What are some ways parents might be provoking to their children?
 - a. In your opinion is the father more likely to do so? Why or why not?
 - b. If you have children, have you ever provoked them to anger? ... I bet the answer is yes, so what did you do about it? Have you asked for forgiveness from them?
5. [Eph 6:4b](#) is a high calling.
 - a. Do any of your group members have any suggestions on devotions, books, conferences, podcasts, or other practical resources to help our families fulfill this command?
 - b. How can we share them with our church family? How can we help one another in this area?
 - c. If you are an empty nester, will you consider being a mentor and or encourager to the younger families so they can fulfill this command? How will you do this?
 - i) Spend some time in your group praying for the parents in your group and the parents in our church.