*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."*   **-Ephesians 6:1-3 ESV**

Lessons for Children

- _____ (action) (v. 1)
  - Listen attentively and put yourselves under the words and authority of your parents

- _____ (attitude) (v. 2)
  - Consider them valuable, honor and give aid   *Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:3*

- WHY? This is what is _____ to the Lord   *Colossians 3:20*

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

Lessons for Parents, especially Fathers

- Negative Command: _____ provoke your children to anger (v. 4a)
      Colossians 3:21

- Positive Command: _____ and _____ your children in the Lord (v. 4b)
      Proverbs 4:1-4

  - The purpose of parenting is to raise up another _____
        Deuteronomy 6:4-9

  - How? Prioritize the things of God!

    - A _____-saturated home

    - A _____ home

    - A _____ home

    - Make _____ participation a top priority

How do parents and children practice mutual submission?

- Children obey/honor their parents, submitting to their _____

- Parents submit by looking out for the _____ (physical, spiritual, etc.) while exercising God-given authority over their children

Recommended Resources:

Rooted to Relate, Part 1
Home Team Message Series
Parenting: Is there an App for That? By Deborah Bullock

Memory Verse
Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
Exodus 20:12 ESV

My next step today is to…

o Memorize Exodus 20:12

o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!

o As a child, look for ways to obey/honor my parents

o As a parent, seek to NOT provoke my child to anger

o Read Ephesians 6:1-4 at least two times this week

o Pray and ask God how He wants my family to give generously and sacrificially to the Christmas Offering.

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Additional Notes:

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