

Parenting: God's Way

Ephesians 6:1-4

Introduction

I The Duty Of Children

- A. The proper attitude toward parents - Lev 19:1-3
 - 1. They are to be **obeyed** - Col 3:20
 - 2. They are to be **honored** - Ex 20:12
- B. The motivation for respecting parents
 - 1. It is **commanded** by God - Ex 20:12
 - 2. It **pleases** the Lord - Col 3:20
 - 3. It is the right thing to do - Lk 2:51-52
- C. The dangers of disrespecting parents
 - 1. You will be **cursed** - Deut 27:16
 - 2. Your eyes will be pecked out - Prov 30:17
 - 3. You are worthy of death - Deut 21:18-21; Matt 15:4
 - 4. Your lamp will be **snuffed** out - Prov 20:20
- D. The benefits of respecting parents
 - 1. You will give **joy** to your parents - Prov 10:1
 - 2. You will have a better life - Deut 4:40
 - 3. You will be protected from danger - Prov 6:20-24
 - 4. You will **enjoy** long life - Prov 3:1-2; 4:3-4
 - 5. You will be pleasing to God - Col 3:20

II The Duty Of Fathers

- A. Fathers are not to **provoke** children to wrath - Col 3:21
- B. Fathers are to bring them up in the:
 - 1. **Training** of the Lord
 - a. Teach them God's Word - Deut 4:9
 - b. Impress God's Word on them - Deut 6:3-7
 - 2. **Admonition** of the Lord - 2 Tim 3:16
 - a. Teaching =
 - b. Rebuking =
 - c. Correcting =
 - d. Training in righteousness =
- C. Fathers are to be balanced in their parenting
 - 1. Discipline without love: **Child abuse**

- 2. Love without discipline: **Permissiveness**
- 3. Love with discipline: **Godly** parenting - He 12:5-11

III The Dividends Of A Father's Training

- A. You will impart **wisdom** to him - Prov 29:15
- B. You will establish him spiritually - Prov 22:6; Ps 78:5-7
- C. You will drive folly from him - Prov 22:15
- D. You will protect him from **death** - Prov 19:18
- E. You will save his soul - Prov 23:13-14
- F. You will be filled with **delight** - Prov 29:17

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. How would you describe your attitude and behavior toward your parents when you were growing up? What did your attitude/behavior produce? In you? In your parents?
- 2. What practical things should Christian fathers be doing on a daily basis to properly disciple and train their children? Are you doing these things? Why or why not?
- 3. What is the difference between obeying and honoring? How are they connected? Which is most important? Why?
- 4. What guidelines are available for fathers in fulfilling their essential responsibilities within the family unit?
[See Eph 1:3-6; 3:14-19; 4:1-3, 15-16; 5:1-2]
- 5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Identify the four profitable aspects of the Word of God. Describe how each of these tools could be applied in day to day parenting. Is one more important than another? What will be the outcome [verse 17]?
- 6. If you are a parent, ask God for the wisdom and discipline to properly teach and train your child in the Lord. If you are a young person still living at home, ask God to give you an obedient heart and a desire to honor your parents in a manner that pleases the Lord.

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