



Ephesians: “New Life//New Relationships: Parents & Children”

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Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

Main Point: God displays the glory of Jesus Christ in families that are shaped by his design.

Key Ideas:

1. God's Wisdom for Children
 - Joyfully, completely and immediately do as you are instructed by your parents, because it is right and it is good for you to do so.
2. God's Wisdom for Parents
 - Do NOT exasperate your children or provoke them to anger.
 - **Bring them up.** Let them know and experience our love and affection for them.
 - **Discipline.** Always redemptive, never punitive. Gospel-centred rescue mission.
 - **Instruction.** Grant Layman: “*The goal of our parenting is to raise children who become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and are committed to serving within the context of the local church.*”

Application Questions

1. In what ways do you tempt your children to anger through your words (harsh, critical, angry, belittling, etc)? Are there any ways you have been inconsistent in your example? Are there any areas of unconfessed sin? If you have sinned in these areas, seek to repent and apply the grace of the gospel for change.
2. How can you continue to cultivate with each of your children a relationship characterized by love? Do you ask them regularly, “Do you know that I love you and want the best for your life?”
3. As a parent, is your biggest concern for your children that they know and follow the Lord Jx Christ? How often are you praying for your children's salvation? How often are you talking to them about the good news of Jesus Christ?
4. In what specific ways do you need to be more diligent and faithful to bring up your children “in the instruction of the Lord”?
5. Where do you need to grab hold of God's grace in Christ Jesus to receive complete forgiveness of all your sins and His power for this important task of parenting?