

Sermon Notes

How Christians Should Treat Family Members

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

6:1 Children, you must obey your parents.

Do what they say even when you don't want to.

Possible exception (Acts 5:29)

Parents, expect it.

6:2-3 At any age, you must honor your father and mother

(Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16)

Honor = respect (John 5:23, 1 Peter 2:17)

Honor = helping take care of their needs

(Mark 7:10-13, 1 Timothy 5:3-16, Acts 28:10)

6:4 Parents, you must not provoke your children to anger (resentment), but rather, you must discipline and instruct.

Instruct them with the instruction of the Lord

Discipline them – correct, punish (Hebrews 12:5-11)

Do not provoke them to resentment.

It negates our effectiveness & influence.

Is there some action you are already being prompted to take in response to what you have heard today?

Suggestion: Memorize the verse containing the thing you need the most work on

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Application questions for 8/7/16 sermon
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(This questions is only if there are any people in your group living with their parents.)
Do you obey your parents, even when you don't want to? If not, why not?

Do you feel lead to change in any way? How specifically?

(Try to have everyone answer this series of questions.)

Do you have things you do to specifically honor your parents, to respect them, to meet their needs? If yes, maybe you would share a little about what you do, and any good results you might have seen from that (relationally, or even just in your own heart).

Are you open to some new ways that you might honor them?

What might you do to show them respect?

What might you do to meet their needs?

(If there are parents in the group, try to have everyone at least briefly answer the rest of the questions on this page.)

Parents, are you spiritually maturing your kids with instruction and discipline?

Even if your children are adults, are you doing what you can to still be an influence on them spiritually? Some of you, please share what you do.

What might you need to start doing?

Do you do something that might be provoking your child(ren) to resentment, and negates your effectiveness at training their heart? Some things talked about in the sermon were: overpunishing them, punishing them in anger, name calling or labeling them, embarrassing them, living contrary to the ways you are teaching and expecting them to live.

What do you think you might need to do differently?

(If you don't get to these, it's okay.)

Have you just tried to be your kids' friend, and abdicated your instructing and disciplining role?

Have you allowed an adult child to live with you, and abdicated your parenting responsibility because they are "an adult"?