

Surrendering Your Family to Jesus

Ephesians 6:4 (HCSB) *Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

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As you surrender your family to Jesus...

- 1) Base your home on _____ to God (vs. 1)
 - A) While children are definitely to obey their parents, doing so respects an obedience to God and His commands.
 - B) "Because this is right." God's word commands that children obey their parents. When children disobey, they are not only disobeying their parents but also God.

- 2) Build an atmosphere of _____ (vs. 2-3)
 - A) Children are to Obey and Honor their parents.
 1. Obey - To listen to, respond, answer, follow, be subject to.
 2. Honor - Set a price on, value; regard, respect.
 - B) Mothers and Fathers have a lot of influence on helping their children to honor their parents.

- 3) Bring children up in the _____ of the Lord (vs. 4)
 - A) Parents, not the church, are to be the primary disciplers of their children.
 - B) The church is to equip parents for the discipleship of their children.
 - C) Please use the new tool, "Gospel Roots" available in print, on the website, and on the app (check under the media tab) to assist with instructing your children in Biblical truths.

Questions for Application

1. Why is a child's obedience to his or her parents pleasing to the Lord? (6:1)
2. Why should children obey parents? (6:1)
3. How is obedience to parents part of a child's obligation to Christ? (6:1)
4. What does it mean to "honor your father and mother"? (6:2-3)
5. What was promised to Israelite children who obeyed their parents? (6:2-3)
6. How does God's commandment and promise to children hold true today? (6:2-3)
7. What does God want fathers not to do? (6:4)
8. What does God want fathers to do? (6:4)
9. How should children be reared and nourished? (6:4)
10. How is the Lord to be the center of parent-child relationships? (6:4)
11. How does rearing children in the "training and instruction of the Lord" provide guidelines for parents?
12. How does honoring your parents bring you blessing?
13. How can a parent avoid exasperating his or her children?
14. How do you need to nurture healthy family relationships this week?
15. What tools do you need to invest in to help train your children in the "instruction of the Lord"?
16. When would be the best time during the day to spend time in spiritual instruction as a family?

Proven books that can better help you to teach the Bible to your kids/
grandkids:

(Ages 0-9) *The Big Picture Story Bible* by Helm, David. Wheaton, Ill: Crossway, 2010.

(Ages 0-12) *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones, ZonderKidz, 2007.

(Ages 2-13) *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine F. Vos, Eerdmans 1983.

(Ages 7-13) *The Action Bible* by Sergio Cariello. David C. Cook publishers, 2010.

(Ages 12-20) *The ESV Student Study Bible*. Wheaton, Ill: Crossway, 2011.