

Establishing Honor in the Home

Discussion Questions for Ephesians 6:1-4

Open It

What are some of the enjoyable aspects of being a parent?

How do you treat children differently from the way your parents treated you?

If you could change one thing about your parents, what would you change?

Explore It

Why is a child's obedience to his or her parents pleasing to the Lord? (6:1)

Why should children obey parents? (6:1)

How is obedience to parents part of a child's obligation to Christ? (6:1)

What does it mean to "honor your father and mother"? (6:2-3)

What was promised to Israelite children who obeyed their parents? (6:2-3)

How does God's commandment and promise to children hold true today? (6:2-3)

What does God want fathers not to do? (6:4)

What does God want fathers to do? (6:4)

How should children be reared and nourished? (6:4)

How is the Lord to be the center of parent-child relationships? (6:4)

Get It

Why should parents pay attention to their child's natural bent?

Why is it easier for children to obey fair and loving parents than unreasonable and demanding parents?

How does rearing children in the "training and instruction of the Lord" provide guidelines for fathers?

How does honoring your parents bring you blessing?

How do you feel about your ability to be a good parent?

How can the Lord support you in your role as a parent?

How can a parent avoid exasperating his or her children?

Apply It

What can you do to improve or strengthen your relationship with your parents?

How can you avoid exasperating your children?

How do you need to nurture healthy family relationships this week?