

Establishing Honor in the Home

Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

Context - Ephesians 1-3 is what God has done for us in the Gospel. Ephesians 4-6 is how we live out the Gospel in all walks of life. In Chapter 6, Paul is showing how to live out the Gospel in the home.

Main Idea - Seek to establish honor in your home through proper discipline and Godly instruction.

When raising your children...

1. _____ Exasperation (vs. 1-4a)

- A. The greek word for “stir up anger” is parorgizete. It means to make angry, provoke to anger, exasperate, enrage. This refers to causing a lasting bitterness, not just an angry outburst. (see also Colossians 3:21)
- B. “In the pagan world of Paul’s day, and even in many Jewish households, most fathers ruled their families with rigid and domineering authority... The apostle makes clear that a Christian father’s authority over his children does not allow for unreasonable demands and strictures that might drive his children to anger, despair, and resentment.” The MacArthur Study Bible.

2. _____ Proper Discipline (vs. 4b)

- A. The greek word for “instruction” or “discipline” is paidia. Paideia could refer to a child’s training, teaching, chastening and punishment, as well as to the result of those things: correct behavior, education, and culture.
- B. The phrase “of the Lord” is a subjective genitive, which means it is the Lord who produces the paideia (cf. Dana and Mantey, Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, p.78). In other words, the authority of the paideia is the Lord’s, not the parent’s. Complete Biblical Library.

3. _____ them with Godly Instruction (vs. 4c)

- A. The greek word for instruction (nouthesia) expresses the idea of parents warning, counseling, and admonishing their children.
- B. Parents, as the primary discipler of their children, must seek to equip their children for spiritual success and nurture an atmosphere of Godly instruction.