

FRONTLINES

The Homefront: Parents and Children

Ephesians 6:1-4

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1) *The responsibility of children*

¹ *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

² *Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.*”

Ephesians 6:1-3

Parents are to be honored and obeyed...

a) It is right

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”
Ephesians 6:1

b) It is written

*“² Honor your father and mother (this is the first **commandment** with a promise), ³ that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”* Ephesians 6:2-3

c) It pleases the Lord

*“Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right.”*
Ephesians 6:1

*“Children, obey your parents in everything, **for this pleases the Lord.**”*
Colossians 3:20

“And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.”
Luke 2:51a

d) It comes with a promise

“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
Ephesians 6:3

2) The responsibility of parents

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

Parents are to raise children...

a) With tender love

*“Fathers, **do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**”* Ephesians 6:4

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children, **lest they become discouraged.**”* Colossians 3:21

“Let them be fondly cherished...deal gently with them.”
John Calvin

b) With loving correction

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up **in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**”*
Ephesians 6:4

“^{6a} For the Lord disciplines the one he loves... ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”
Hebrews 12:6a; 11

“When you are disciplining a child, you should have first controlled yourself... What right have you to say to your child that he needs discipline when you obviously need it yourself?”
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

c) With verbal instruction

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline **and instruction** of the Lord.”* Ephesians 6:4

d) With a clear goal

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction **of the Lord.**”* Ephesians 6:4