

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges: Walking with Christ A Study of Ephesians 4-6

Message for Sunday, June 6:

The New Normal with Relationships Ephesians 6:1-4

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

2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

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

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NASB95)

Today's Main Thought: Roles and responsibilities for children and parents who are passionately pursuing Jesus Christ.

Children & Parents role and responsibilities in the new normal

- **Little, teen aged,** and **young adult** children, **obey** your parents (v. 1; Proverbs 1:8; 6:20; Colossians 3:20; Hebrews 12:5).
 - Obey your parents since...
 - God has given them **authority** over you.
 - Obedience is **right** in any culture, ethnic group, country and socioeconomic strata.
- **Little, teen aged, young adult** and **grown children,** **honor** your parents (vv. 2-3; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 15:16; Matthew 15:4).
 - Honor your parents...

- Since God commands children to do so
- By following God's command life will go well for you

- **Parents!** God expects you to **parent** (v. 4; Colossians 3:21; Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 13:24; 22:6; 29:17; 1 Timothy 4:8; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:11-12; Titus 3:10-11).

- Parents, parent your children by...
 - Avoiding irritating or unreasonable demands
 - Nourishing them up to maturity in the discipline of the Lord
 - Giving them life saving instruction

Family Prayer

Bless Our Family

All praise to You, Lord Jesus,
Lover of children:
Bless our family,

And help us to lead our children to You.

Give us light and strength,
And courage when our task is difficult.
Let the Holy Spirit fill us with love and peace,
So that we may help our children to love You.

All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,
For ever and ever.

Amen.

Next Week: Ephesians 6:5-9
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