Parents And Children

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INTRODUCTION

- God cares how we parent, and God cares how we are as children.
- Let's strive to be what God wants us to be in this regard.

1 Parents: Love Your Children

Titus 2:3–4

- So if you're a parent, you need to love your children.
- That they admonish the young women to love their husbands and to love their children.
- To love our children doesn't necessarily mean we're going to give them everything they ask for.
- Loving our children many times may take the form of saying no.

2 Parents: Train Up a Child

Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Ephesians 6:4

- Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- Parents need to recognize that they're not raising children. They're raising future adults.
- You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way.
- Fathers do not provoke your children unto wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. That is your responsibility.
- Don't make your child's spiritual biblical education limited to two classes a week here at the building.

3 Parents: Show Them, Be That Example

Genesis 18:19

- You love, you train them, and you show them. We need to be that example.
- I have known him in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the Lord.
- Children just have an innate ability to sniff out inconsistency and hypocrisy.
- They're more likely to go after you in what you do than in what you say.

4 Children: Honor Your Father and Mother

Ephesians 6:2–3; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16

- Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.
- Honor just means to hold them up to reverence and to respect them.
- I am to honor my parents because they are my parents. No other reason, no other criteria is given.
- If you don't honor your father and mother, God is saying, then you've got a problem with me.

5 Children: Obey Your Parents in the Lord

Ephesians 6:1

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- You're always going to have somebody telling you what to do.
- We need that instruction. We need that discipline. We need that guidance.

6 Children: Show Gratitude to Your Parents

Proverbs 31:28

- Children need to show gratitude to their parents. And by the way, more than one day in May and June.
- Be grateful that you have loving parents.
- Her children rise up and call her blessed.
- To appreciate the fact that you've got somebody who can tell you what to do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want to challenge you, as a parent or as a child, to accept those responsibilities and those roles in a godly way.**

MY NOTES