

Guiding Your Children **Ephesians 6:1-4**

I. CHILDREN: "obey parents...honor" (vv.1-3)

A. Submit: "obey your parents" (v.1)

1. Position: "in the Lord"
2. Proper: "this is right"

B. Support: "honor your father and mother" (vv.2-3)

1. Priority: "first commandment with a promise"
2. Purpose: "in order that"
 - a. Laughter: "it may be well with you"
 - b. Longevity: "you may live long on the earth"

II. FATHERS: "do not provoke...bring them up" (v.4)

A. Restraint: "do not provoke" (v.4a)

1. Exclusive: "your children"
2. Exasperated: "to anger"

B. Responsibility: "bring them up" (v.4b)

1. Education: "in the discipline...of the Lord"
2. Exhortation: "in the instruction of the Lord"

*Next week: **Read Proverbs 22:6,15** (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 29:15,17)*