

“Children and Their Parents” (Ephesians 6:1–4)

**Big Idea: The interaction between children and their parents must exalt Christ as Lord.**

- I. Children must obey their parents in honor to them and submission to Christ.  
(verses 1–3)
  - a. Obedience and honor to parents is the Lord’s righteous command.  
  
Romans 1:28–32; 2:14–15; 2 Timothy 3:1–5; Isaiah 1:2–5, 10–15  
Proverbs 23:22–25
  - b. The Lord richly rewards those who obey this command.  
  
Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Proverbs 11:29; 20:20; 30:17  
Isaiah 50:5–10; 53:8–12
- II. Fathers must nurture their children in kindness to them and service to Christ.  
(verse 4)
  - a. The father is supremely responsible for his children’s upbringing.
  - b. A father must not provoke his children to anger.
  - c. A father must train his children in the Lord’s own ways and words.  
  
Proverbs 29:15; 1 Kings 1:5–6; 2:22–25; Deuteronomy 6:4–9  
Deuteronomy 31:10–13 (compare with Nehemiah 8:2, 6; 12:43; Ezra 10:1)  
Acts 16:1–3; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14–15

**Conclusion: Obeying These Commands with Our Eyes on the Lord**

**1) Obey and imitate your Heavenly Father.**

Hebrews 12:7–11; Psalm 103:8–14

**2) Trust and imitate his obedient Son.**

Luke 2:46–52; 3:21–23, 38; John 12:48–50; Romans 5:17–19; John 14:30–31;  
Philippians 2:5–11