

Teach Life: Cultivating Family Faith
Ephesians 6
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Main Idea: God designed Parents to be the primary disciple-makers so their children would love God, love others and make disciples.

Jesus' Model:

Mark 3:13-15 - "He called (them to) ...be with him..."

John 1:39 - "He said... 'Come and you will see.'"

Matthew 4:19 - "Jesus said, 'Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.'"

I. Children Obey Your Parents. (Ephesians 6:1)

Téknon (Child) – A child; or a person living in dependence on God, parents or spiritual parents.

Hupakouó (Obey)- Eagerly listen, follow, and obey.

"In the Lord, for this is Right" - Only what the Lord says and what pleases the Lord.

We Help "Children" Obey:

1. Praying for a changed heart.

Ezekiel 36:26 - "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone..."

2. Modeling obedience.

Matthew 8:9 - "For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to ...my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

3. Providing increasing responsibilities.

Luke 16:10 – "Jesus said, 'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...'"

4. Teaching obedience is its own reward.

John 15:10-11 - "Jesus said, '...These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.'"

II. Children Honor Your Parents. (Ephesians 6:2-3)

Tim-ah'-o (Honor) - Value, admire, prize and appreciate.

III. Parents Don't Provoke Your Children. (Ephesians 6:4a)

IV. Parents Discipline and Disciple Your Children. (Ephesians 6:4)

Truths to Teach: Ephesians 5

1. Be loving. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Love glorifies God and is passionate for other's eternal good.

2. Be sexually pleasing to God. (Ephesians 5:3)

Sexuality is a gift from God and meant to be fully enjoyed as God designed.

3. Be Christ-like with our speech. (Ephesians 5:4)

Our speech is to reflect Christ and open doors for Gospel conversations.

4. Be wise with choices. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Choices reflect our desires and determine our freedom.

5. Be filled with God's Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18-21)

Surrendering ourselves to be led by the Spirit gives us the desire and ability to live out God's will.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one way you have seen God work in your life this week?
2. What roles in life did your parents prepare you for? (Father, husband, wife, mother, employee, employer, etc.)
3. What are some reasons it is difficult for you or for parents to be consistent in the discipline and training of children?
4. Read Luke 6:40 and Philippians 2:12-13. What do we learn about discipling our children and others?
5. What are some specific ways adult children can honor their parents? What are some ways we can honor our parents in their older age? In what ways can parents of adult children respect their children?
6. What are some practical ways we can daily and weekly nourish our children spiritually? (Brainstorm and pray)