

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, October 4, 2026



sermon: "Walking in Submission" Part 2 - Ephesians 6:1-4

Big Idea: Shining our light for Christ starts in the home.

- I. Children, Honor your Parents (vv. 1-3; Col. 3:20)
 - A. Rebelling against parents has been around for ages. However, it's one thing to develop into our own person and quite another to ignore and reject a parent's influence and place in our lives (cf. 2 Sam. 15:1-6).
 - B. How can we best honor our parents? We are instructed to:
 - 1. Recognize their authority (v. 1; cf. 2 Tim. 3:1-5).
 - 2. Honor them (v. 2; cf. Ex. 20:12) – Regard them with esteem.
 - 3. Respect them – To recognize and affirm their abilities and achievements.
 - 4. Appreciate them (cf. Pr. 23:22) – Recognize their own sacrifices on our behalf.
 - 5. Love them (cf. 1 Pet. 1:22) – Overlook their faults and embrace who they are in God's eyes.
 - C. Honoring our parents is to have an attitude of love and respect for them, even if we don't always agree. This may not be easy for some, but it is critical if we are to walk in Christ (Eph. 4:1).
- II. Parents, Love and Teach your Children (v. 4; Col. 3:21)
 - A. It has been said that parenting is not for the faint of heart. Parenting can be hard, thankless, work. But if we are going to thrive as a people and a culture, then we must take seriously God's admonition to parent our children well (cf. Deut. 6:6-9).
 - B. Don't...exasperate your children (v. 4; cf. Col. 3:21):
 - 1. By being unreasonable.
 - 2. By constantly finding fault.
 - 3. By neglecting them.
 - 4. By always having to be right.
 - C. Do...guide and teach your children (v. 4; cf. Col. 3:21):
 - 1. By encouraging them (Col. 3:21).
 - 2. By being consistent.
 - 3. By being even-handed in discipline (cf. Pr. 3:12).
 - 4. By being helpful in instruction (v. 4; cf. Pr. 22:6).

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