

DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HOME

Text Passage: Ephesians 6:1-4

“It seems no matter where we look in modern society, we see antagonism, division, and rebellion. Husbands and wives are divorcing each other; children are rebelling against their parents, and employers and employees are seeking for new ways to avoid strikes and keep the machinery of industry running productively. We have tried education, legislation, and every other approach, but nothing seems to work. Paul’s solution to antagonisms in the home and in society was REGENERATION, a new heart from God and a new submission to Christ and to one another. God’s great program is to ‘gather together in one all things in Christ.’ Paul indicated that this spiritual harmony begins in the lives of Christians who are submitted to the Lordship of Christ.” – Warren Wiersbe (Be Wise, p. 149)

INSTRUCTION #1: SPIRIT-FILLED _____ (Ephesians 6:1-3)

- **Children are to _____ their parents** (6:1).

Children are to obey their parents because in doing so they are obeying the _____.

Youth, you cannot be in _____ against your parents and be right with the Lord.

Children are to obey their parents because it is the _____ thing to do.

▶ **II Timothy 3:1-2**

- **Children are to _____ their parents** (6:2-3).

“Obedience” is the action and “honor” is the _____ behind the action.

Honor – to value them highly and hold them in great respect

Children are to **obey** because this is _____.

Children are to **honor** their parents because _____ said so.

▶ **Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9; Proverbs 23:14-15**

Ultimately, the child with no respect for the authority of his parents may have no respect for the greatest authority - _____.

When we reach adulthood, we move beyond the concept of obeying our parents. However, we _____ move beyond honoring them.

INSTRUCTION #2: SPIRIT-FILLED _____ (Ephesians 6:4)

- **Parents are not to _____ their children (6:4a).**

▶ **Colossians 3:21; Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 29:15, 17**

- Seven ways we frustrate our children:

1. _____

2. _____ - Finding

“Spare the rod and spoil the child – that is true; but beside the rod keep an apple, to give him when he has done well.” – Martin Luther

3. _____

4. Non - _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

▶ **Psalm 127:3**

- **Parents are to _____ their children (6:4b).**

“Pose that same question to any two fathers concerning their role in the family, and you are liable to get the same kind of contrast. The first may say, ‘I am supporting a family.’ But the second may see things differently and say, ‘I am raising children.’ The former looks at his job as putting break on the table. But the latter sees things in God’s perspective: he is participating in the shaping of lives.” – Gordon MacDonald

1. We nourish them in the _____...of the Lord.

Nurture – discipline, training, even by punishment

▶ **Luke 23:16; Hebrews 12:11**

2. We nourish them in the _____ of the Lord.

Admonition – to place before the mind; to confront

▶ **I Samuel 3:13**

CONCLUSION:

▶ **Proverbs 22:6**

Pay the price when you are young and trust God to use your “training” and “admonition” to guide them as they grow old.

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A FATHER'S POEM

I gave you life,
but I cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things
but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions
but I cannot always be there to lead you.

I can allow you freedom
but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to church
but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong
but I can't always decide for you.

I can buy you beautiful clothes
but I cannot make you lovely inside.

I can offer you advice
but I cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love
but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to be a friend
but I cannot make you one.

I can teach you to share
but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you respect
but I can't force you to show honor.

I can grieve about your report card
but I cannot doubt your teachers.

I can advise you about friends
but I cannot choose them for you.

I can teach you about sex
but I cannot keep you pure.

I can tell you the facts of life
but I can't build your reputation.

I can tell you about drinking
but I can't say NO for you.

I can warn you about drugs
but I can't prevent you from using them.

I can tell you about lofty goals,
but I can't achieve them for you.

I can teach you kindness,
but I can't force you to be gracious.

I can warn you about sins
but I cannot make your morals

I can love you as a daughter or son
but I cannot place you in God's Family.

I can pray for you
but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can teach you about Jesus
but I cannot make HIM your Savior.

I can teach you to OBEY
but I cannot make Jesus Your Lord.

I can tell you how to live
but I cannot give you Eternal Life.