

**HARMONY WITHIN THE FAMILY**  
**(the child/ parent relationship)**  
**(Ephesians 6:1-4) PT 2**

**A. The Importance of the Family**

- The family is \_\_\_\_\_ to any society. The family or home is where the next generation is \_\_\_\_\_ principles of ethics & morality. When the \_\_\_\_\_ breaks down, \_\_\_\_\_ breaks down!

**B. The Divine Institution Aspect of the Family**

- Divine institutions were designed by God for the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the human race!

**C. The Goals of Effective Parenting**

1. God designed the family & parenting to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers! (Deut. 6:4-9; Proverbs 1:8; etc; Ephesians 6:1-4)
2. Training begins by parents teaching their children to \_\_\_\_\_ them. (6:1)

“obey” (hupakouo) {hoop-ak-oo'-o} =

- Why should children obey their parents?
  - 1) Those Paul addressed are Christians, as they are “\_\_\_\_\_”!
  - 2) Obedience to parents is \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord!... “*for this is right*”
  - 3) The word “obey” here is a \_\_\_\_\_ – it is not optional! It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for every child of God!
  - 4) Obedience brings \_\_\_\_\_.
- What blessing? (6:3)
  - 1) That it may be \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) That you may \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth
- How should these two blessings be understood?

3. Disobedience to one's parents is disobedience to \_\_\_\_\_ & His \_\_\_\_\_ and will have consequences!

2 Timothy 3:1-5

4. Parents are the \_\_\_\_\_ in life and especially in teaching the \_\_\_\_\_, its truths, and its \_\_\_\_\_ to the details of daily living with their children.

- “The ‘**family**’ provides the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of morality without which no society can survive.”

5. Training continues as Paul addresses \_\_\_\_\_ (parents) (vs 4) ...

a. Dads, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children to \_\_\_\_\_

- How do fathers provoke/discourage their children? (6:4a)

b. But bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (6:4b)

## 1 Samuel - concerning Eli & His boys

### D. Guidelines For Effective Parenting