

HARMONY WITHIN THE FAMILY
(the child/ parent relationship)
(Ephesians 6:1-4) PT 3

- I. Our Wealth in Christ**
- II. Our Walk in Christ**

Exodus 20:12

- Why was this commandment significant?

A. The Importance of the Family

- We noted the family is _____ to any society as the family or home is where the next generation is _____ principles of ethics & morality. When the _____ breaks down, _____ breaks down! – when society breaks down the nation breaks down!
 - The **point** we noted from the Deuteronomy 6 and 11 was that – pointing your kids to the Lord to _____ & _____ God’s word is always the _____ thing for any generation to do!
 - We have enemies...

B. The Divine Institution Aspect of the Family

- Divine institutions were designed by God for the **protection, prosperity, and preservation** 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, 11:18-23; Proverbs 1:8; etc; Ephesians 6:1-4)
2. Training begins by parents teaching their children to _____ them. (6:1)
- Why should children obey their parents? (4 reasons)
 - 1) Those Paul directly addressed are Christians, as they are stated to be ... “ _____ ”!
 - 2) Obedience to parents is _____ before the Lord!... “*for this is _____*”
 - 3) The word “obey” here is a *command* – it is not optional! It is the _____ of God for every child of God!
 - 4) Obedience brings _____ . (Eph 6:2-3)

- How should these two blessings be understood?
 - What child should obey their parents?
3. Disobedience to one's parents is disobedience to _____ & His _____ and will have _____ in life!
 4. The _____ are the main educators in life, especially in teaching _____ concerning the _____, its principles & truths, and then _____ it to the details of daily living with their children wherever they are.
 5. Training continues as Paul addresses _____ (parents) (6:4) ...
 - a. Dads, negatively, do not _____ your children to _____!
 - b. But positively, bring them up in the _____ & _____ of the Lord (6:4b)

D. The Guidelines For Effective Parenting Includes...

- _____ of children by parents which takes place in the _____
- Using every opportunity to evaluate every situation from a _____ & encouraging your kids to _____ accordingly
- Seeking not to _____/_____ your children in the process
- Seeking to train them positively with _____ words & being a positive _____ of the Christian life as you are _____ with the _____ before them
- Remembering your kids are always _____ you – so be a good example!
- Keep in mind that public education and the TV are always _____ in perspective – you must be on guard & deal with this at home
- Do not expect the school or the church to do what God has called _____ in your children's life
- _____ believers are the _____ to the next generation of Americans – does this describe you & your home?