

God's House Rules

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (New International Version)

Take-Home Truth: Parents and children are to serve each other in the home, and when they do, they are also serving Jesus.

HOW CHILDREN SERVE THEIR PARENTS

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise — ³“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

Why Should Children Obey Parents?

- Obey because of your relationship with the Lord.
- Obey because it's right.
- Obey because it is God's Word and therefore, His will.
- Obey because God promises that it will benefit you.

HOW PARENTS SERVE THEIR CHILDREN

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (New Living Translation)

Two Commands for Parents

- Do not provoke your child to anger.

“bring them up” = nurture your child; provide for their physical, psychological and spiritual needs

- Provide discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.

A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness, but discipline will drive it away.

Proverbs 22:15 (NLT)

Discipline = setting limits and enforcing limits

Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. Proverbs 13:24b (NLT)

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NLT)