

Ephesians 6:1-9

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

The first step in advancing God's truth is to pass it on to our children. Parents are to continually speak about the things of God, so that knowledge and love of Him become a matter of life and breath for the family.

Parents are to be obeyed and honored because doing so is obeying and honoring the Lord.

The exception to that obedience is in the matter of doing what is wrong. We must all refuse to do anything clearly against God's will.

A person who grows up with a sense of respect for and obedience to his parents will have the foundation for respecting the authority of other leaders and the rights of other people.

Children respecting and obeying parents will build a society that is ordered, harmonious, and productive.

Honor also encompasses providing for and caring for our parents when they can no longer provide for and care for themselves.

Children have to be trained to obey and honor their parents by their parents.

Blueprint: 'way every child must grow'

- Every child must grow intellectually

When a baby comes into the world, his mind is a blank. Childhood is a time of learning. Whatever children know they must be taught

- Every child must grow physically

When he is born he is extremely weak and physically undeveloped

- Every child must grow socially, in- "*favor with ...men*"

Most dominant attitude is selfishness... interests are totally self-centered

- Every child must grow spiritually, "*in favor with God*"

Children do not know God naturally, much less love and obey Him naturally
A child must be taught about God, His nature, His care, His love, and His will

Common causes of provoking children to anger:

- Favoritism
- Pushing achievement beyond reasonable bounds
- Discouragement
- Physical and verbal abuse

Discipline has to do with the overall training of children, including appropriate punishment.

The primary focus of training and teaching of children in the book of Proverbs does not have as much to do with factual information as with right attitudes and principles of behavior.

GREEK WORDS

Hupakouō—(obey) literal - "to hear under," to listen with attentiveness and respond positively to what is heard

Dikaïos—(right) - that which is correct, just - that which is exactly as it should be

Timaō—(honor) - to value highly, to hold in the highest regard and respect

Paideia—(discipline) - systematic training of children

Nouthesia—(instruction) - literal "putting in mind"