

The Holy Spirit & Me Series
“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Harmony (Ephesians 5:18-6:9)
Living In The Lordship Of Christ – Children & Parents (6:1-4)

Introduction

1. The Spirit controlled life is going to include harmony not only in our marriages but in good parent-child relationships. It is our duty as parents to teach our children submission to Christ and the gospel. Children are to obey and respect their parents...

I. Children & Parents

a. Children’s Responsibilities

- i. Children are to obey their parents in the Lord (v1a) – Colossians 3:20
- ii. Obedience is right (v1b) for it is ordained by God
- iii. Obedience is commanded (v2a)
 1. Paul quotes Exodus 20:12 the fifth commandment
 2. To honor our parents means more than simply obeying it means to show them respect and love, to care for them, and to honor them by how we live
- iv. Obedience brings blessing (v2b-3)
 1. This is a principle not a guarantee – it means by listening you can escape a great deal of sin and avoid many troubles that could shorten your life

b. Father’s Responsibilities

- i. Father’s must not provoke their children (v4a) – Colossians 3:21
 1. The opposite of provoke is encourage
 2. We discourage our children by saying one thing and doing another, always blaming and never praising, by being inconsistent and unfair in discipline, by showing favoritism in the home
- ii. Father’s should nurture them (4b)
 1. This is more than just physical needs it includes the emotional and spiritual
- iii. He must discipline them (4c)
 1. Learning through discipline (Proverbs 13:24) in love never anger and it must be fair and consistent
- iv. He must instruct and encourage (4c)
 1. Timothy was a good example of receiving such instruction (2 Tim 3:13-17)
 2. We as parents are responsible for a soul that will spend eternity in heaven or hell and we must build those early years with the desire to serve God

c. Parent Modeling

- i. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 has four principles essential to passing our faith to our children
 1. Belief in God – (6:4-6) teach them to love God with everything
 2. Formal Instruction (6:7)- they must know truth (John 8:32)
 3. Informal Instruction (6:7) – truth must be seen on our everyday life
 4. Cultivation of the environment (6:8-9)