

PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

- I. Foundation is the HOLY SPIRIT (Eph. 5:18-21)
 - A. JOYFUL heart
 - B. THANKFUL attitude
 - C. HUMBLE/SUBMISSIVE spirit

- II. Exhortations to the CHILDREN (Eph. 6:1-3)
 - A. Concerning OBEDIENCE (6:1)
 - 1. At ALL TIMES
 - 2. As to THE LORD
 - 3. Because it is RIGHT
 - B. Concerning HONOR (6:2-3)
 - 1. Out of RESPECT and ESTEEM
 - 2. A COMMANDMENT with PRIORITY
 - 3. For the LORD'S BLESSING (cf. Deut. 5:16)

- III. Exhortations to FATHERS/PARENTS (Eph. 6:4)

- A. How NOT to REAR CHILDREN (6:4a)—by EXASPERATION
 - 1. ABRAHAM’S example—SELF-CENTEREDNESS (Gen. 12:11-13; 20:1-12; cf. chs. 26 and 27)
 - 2. ELI’S example—NEGLECT (1 Sam. 2:22-25, 29; 3:11-14)
 - 3. LOT’S example—PERMISSIVENESS (Gen. 13:10-12; 14:12, 19)
 - 4. JEROBOAM’S example—WILLFULNESS and IDOLATRY (1 Kings 12:25-33)

- B. How to REAR CHILDREN (6:4b)
 - 1. By DISCIPLINE—corrective ACTIONS
 - 2. By INSTRUCTION—corrective WORDS
 - 3. “Of the LORD”—a comprehensive ATMOSPHERE of CHRISTLIKENESS in the home

IV. Conclusions

- A. Children SUBMIT to parents, who lead in GODLINESS and LOVE
- B. Wife SUBMITS to husband, who leads in GODLINESS and LOVE
- C. Husband SUBMITS to Christ, who leads in GODLINESS and LOVE