
Ephesians 5:33 ... the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Accept the challenge

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

1 Samuel 3:13 “For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them.”

Being respectful is a key component
to living a full, satisfying life.

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Raising Children

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Major parenting tasks: love, discipline, building wisdom

Understanding

...the moral framework of life

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (right actions)

Eph. 6:2 Honor your father and mother. (right attitudes)

... human nature

- Every child has an internal brokenness called “folly.”

Proverbs 22:15 **Folly** is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

—>The principle of self-rule.

“I’m in charge.”

Isaiah 53:6 We are the ones who strayed away like sheep, we, who left God’s paths to follow our own.

—>The principle of self-gratification.

“I want what I want when I want it.”

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures.

Folly, self-rule, plus self-gratification equal:

- a. "I'll seek my pleasure even if it's not good for me."
- b. "I'll seek my pleasure even if it hurts you."

Discipline

Discipline occurs when consequences are painful

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a. Love with your attitude

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you; He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.

b. Briefly tell why you will discipline

Hebrews 12:5-6 My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

“(child's name), you've chosen discipline. Dad doesn't want to do discipline, but dad said that if you (disobey, hit, are disrespectful—whatever the offense), you'll be choosing discipline.”

c. Discipline with action not yelling

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

d. Reassure with your attitude

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is with you, ... He will quiet you with his love.

e. Prayer and perspective

Romans 11:22 Consider the kindness and sternness of God...

Teaching kids respect

*Ephesians 6:2 **Honor** your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”*

- *Mark 7:6-7 “This people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me.”*

Honor is *communicated* both by one's words and attitudes, but it is foundationally a *matter of the heart*!

- *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be **upon your hearts**. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

Eph. 6:2 “Honor your father and mother” - which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

1 Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone.

*1 Peter 3:7 **Husbands**, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect.*
