

FAMILY MATTERS

Part 2

- ❶ Pursue **honor**.
Ephesians 6:1-2, Exodus 21:15-17, Deuteronomy 21:18-21, Proverbs 30:17

Obedience is the **act**, honor is the **attitude**.
Submission is obedience, **loving** submission is honor.

- ❷ **Acknowledge** the importance of **honor**.
Ephesians 6:3, Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 17:1, Matthew 5:9

- ❸ Parents **reaffirm** your child's **value**.
Ephesians 6:4a, 1 John 4:8, Luke 17:1-2

*“The Gospel brought on new responsibilities for parents by insisting that the **feelings** of a child must be brought into **consideration**.”* (Wood)

- ❹ Commit yourself to your child's **development**.
Ephesians 6:4b, 2 Samuel 13:21-27, 2 Samuel 18:32-33, 1 Kings 1:5-6, Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 19:18

Kids spell love: **T - I - M - E**.

All kids need a parent to: **Encourage**
Praise
Listen to understand
Set realistic boundaries and

expectations.

Rules without **relationship** equal **rebellion**.

A QUICK REVIEW: Ephesians 6:1-4 Romans 1:28-30 & 2 Timothy 3:1-2

- ❶ Children: *Obey your parents in the Lord.* (vs. 1)
- ❷ Everyone: *Honor your father & mother.* (vs. 2-3)
- ❸ Parents: *Be reasonable as you raise your children in the Lord.* (vs. 4)

THE FINE PRINT: A Closer Look At Some Real Life Scenarios. . .

▶ A Child's Obedience

How Far? **Obey if unreasonable – disobey if immoral.**
Colossians 3:20/ Hebrews 13:17/ 1 Samuel 20, 31:1-6 & 2 Samuel 1:1-17/ Acts 5:28-29

How Long?

Ephesians 5:31 & Genesis 2:23-24/ *Teknon* (Child) = Underage & under roof.

1) **Until marriage.**

2) **Until financial independence.**

▶ A Son or Daughter's Honor

*Honor doesn't mean letting your parents **run your life**.*
Genesis 2:23-24/ Matthew 10:37-39/ Matthew 12:46-50

*Honor is shown by **respect**, **kindness** and **support**.*
1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8 & Matthew 15:3-9

▶ A Parent's #1 Responsibility

*Passing the spiritual torch = Instilling the **fear of the Lord**.*
Proverbs 1:7 & 16:6/ Matthew 16:26/ 1 Timothy 3:4

Our three most powerful tools:

1) *The Power of **Example**.*
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

2) *The Power of **Pain**.*
Proverbs 22:15/ Luke 15:11-32/ 1 Samuel 2:22-25 & 3:12-13/
Colossians 3:21

3) *The Power of **Truth**.*
John 8:32