



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 10/23/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 10/30/2022
TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:1-4

THE SUBMISSIVE FAMILY

I. CHILDREN, OBEY & HONOR YOUR PARENTS (vss. 1-3)

A. Obey

B. Honor

II. PARENTS, LOVINGLY DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN (vs. 4)

A. Don't provoke your children to wrath. (vs. 4a)

1. Hardness and harshness

2. Selfish discipline

3. Being authoritarian rather than authoritative

4. Being either permissive or neglectful

B. BRING THEM UP IN THE TRAINING & ADMONITION OF THE LORD (vs. 4b)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Ephesians 5:21.** This verse is a transitional verse. Paul admonishes mutual submission in our relationships. Beginning in verse 22 through chapter 6 verse 9, he then gives specific instructions for the marriage relationship, the family relationship, and the work relationship. What are some ways a family may practice mutual submission?

2. **Read Ephesians 6:1-4.** What are the two main thoughts for the family in the passage. (What is his admonishment for children, and what is it for parents?)

3. **Read Ephesians 6:1-2.** The two commands are honor and obey. How are those commands different? Explain the phrase “in the Lord.” Explain the phrase “for this is right.” Why is instructing children in obedience so important (think: “in the Lord.”)?

4. **Read the following passages.** Proverbs 22:6; 10:13; 19:18; 22:15; 29:15,17; 23:13-14; Hebrews 12:5-11. What does early childhood teaching require? What may a parent “produce” if they have genuine affection for their child but withhold biblical methods of correction and punishment? **Read the following passages.** Proverbs 23:13-14; 10:1; 15:20; 17:21; 23:15,16,24,25; 28:7; 29:1,15,17. What are the benefits of biblical methods of discipline?

5. **Read Ephesians 6:4a.** How might parents provoke a child to wrath (be careful to provide biblical rather than humanistic answers to this question)?

6. **Read Ephesians 6:4b.** Parenting is a stewardship from the Lord. What is the main stewardship responsibility? What are some ways that parents may bring their children up in the training and admonition of the Lord?