

Who's in Charge in the Home? (Eph. 6:1-4)

Intro: The husband/wife relationship is often plagued with conflict, but there is a second relationship in the home that can be even more troubling—the parent/child relationship.

1. A Word to the Children

vs. 1-3

➤ Obey your parents.

- “in the Lord—This is what God **DESIRES** and **DEMANDS**.”
- “this is right”—This command is based on GOD’S standard of right.

Questions:

How old are “children”?

What if the parents aren’t very “smart”?...or godly?

What if obeying one’s parents would mean disobeying God?

➤ Honor your parents.

- “so that it may be well with you”—refers to **QUALITY** of life
- “so that you may live long on the earth”—refers to **QUANTITY** of life

2. A Word to the Parents

v. 4

➤ “Do not provoke your children to anger”.

➤ Do “bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”.

Questions:

Why address the fathers?

What does it mean to “provoke”?

What is meant by the “discipline” of the Lord ?