

Transformed in Christ to Disciple People

*Walking in Submission...
Parents Discipling Children*

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Treasuring Christ... Loving People...

Marriage was designed by God to—

1. Be a picture of how Jesus loves His church
(husband's loving leadership of his wife)
& how the church is to love & follow Christ
(wife's respectful following of her
husband's leadership).

Eph. 5:22-33

2. Make children . . . Joyful followers of Jesus.

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3. Marriage...place to make disciples of Jesus.

*'Birthed-child', 'Adopted-child', 'Discipled-child'
Deut. 6, Mark 10:29-30, Eph. 6:1-4*

Ephesians 6:1-4 - Four Principles

1. Fathers' Place: Primary responsibility to evangelize and disciple children. (6:4)

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2. Parents' United: Teammates discipling. (6:1,2)

*Pr. 6:20 '...keep your father's commandment
and forsake not your mother's teaching.'*

Fathers Exhorting...

Mothers Encouraging...

Towards the same Goal...

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3. Parents Goal: Reveal God to your child. (6:4)

*Children know their parents before they know God.
Children get to know God through their parents.*

What does your child think about God's...

-Strength, leadership, justice, courage?

-Compassion, nurture, love, intimacy?

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4. Parents' Marriage: Fathers are husbands & mothers are wives First: *Jesus - Church* (5:22f)

Are you comfortable with your child thinking...

-'Jesus loves me like my dad loves my mom...'

-'I am to follow Jesus like my mom respectful follows my dad's leadership...'

CHILDREN...

6:1-3

Parents are God's authority in your life: OBEY

Children... 'that which is produced'
obey... 'to hear under, to heed' *Do...
parents... 'to cause to be'
in the Lord... 'as unto the Lord'
FOR this is right... Reason: 'it is self-evident'

5th Commandment...

Honor... 'value, accept, rejoice in'

Position: *Father & Mother*

Promise: *may go well... may live long...*

Pr. 17:6,13:24, 29:15, 22:15, 23:13-14

A challenge for our children & youth...

FATHERS (& moms)...

6:4

Don't provoke but disciple your child: LEAD

Do NOT

provoke to anger... 'to enrage, to exasperate'

Why? 1. Position:

2. Poison:

How? 1. Root out...

2. Give...

Bring them up... 'to nourish, healthiness' (5:29)

discipline... 'child-training': nurture-teach

instruction.. 'call attention': admonish

Teach: *Pr. 1-9* Correct: *Pr. 13:24, 29:15, 22:15, 23:13-14*

GOAL... Win your child's heart

...do not provoke to anger...

Win your child's heart & direct it to Jesus by...

*Pr. 23:26 'My son, give me your heart,...
and let your eyes observe my ways.'*

...Serving as your child's...

1. Priest: Bring your child to...
2. Prophet: Bring God's word to...
3. King: Be God's...

For your daughter...

For your son...

STRATEGY... Balance LOVE - DISCIPLINE

...Bring them up...

Love is an act of the will accompanied by
emotion that leads to action of good will

*Unconditional A_____

*Constant A_____

*Appropriate A_____

Four Principles of LOVE...

1. Give your... Seek to...

2. Be C...

3. Be A...

4. Be V...

STRATEGY... Balance LOVE - DISCIPLINE

...in the discipline & instruction of the Lord...

Discipline is an expression of love that both teaches & corrects/punishes.

Four Principles of DISCIPLINE...

1. Show how to relate to God...
2. Teach God's...
3. Establish clear boundaries...
4. Consistently...

Communicate..., Conscience..., Correct...

**Children...*

**Youth...*

Spirit-filled Children...

Have a great opportunity...

Spirit-filled Parents (fathers)...

Have a huge impact...

Father (husband): Jesus' love for sinners...

Mother (wife): Church's response to His love...

Marriage is about discipling children to-

-Be joyful followers of Jesus Christ

-By winning their hearts for/to Christ

-By unconditional love & consistent discipline

-For God's pleasure & your happiness in Him.

All Fathers & Mothers
Please stand with your children

DADS, say the following to your children

God has commanded me to serve as His authority in your life _____, not to hurt you but to bless you.

I admit I have failed to always love your mother.

I also have failed to love, disciple & discipline you.

I am sorry my failure tempts you to be angry with me.

I am sorry for failing you. Will you forgive me?

Jesus, I ask you to fill me with Your Spirit, so I may unconditionally love and disciple my children by teaching Your Word & correcting them as they fail.

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CHILDREN, say the following to your parents

God has commanded me to submit to your authority
by respectfully obeying you.

I admit I have failed to always respectfully obey you.

I admit that I am tempted to not give you my heart.

I admit my failure dishonors you and Jesus Christ.

I am sorry for failing you. Will you forgive me?

Jesus, I ask you to fill me with Your Spirit...

So I may daily respectfully obey my parents

Because I delight in Your love for me through them.