

LIFE Group Guide

The Lord's Kids

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Ephesians 6:1-4



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Read: Ephesians 6:1-4

Outline:

Unity via submission

- God the Father
- Jesus the Son
- Appointed Leaders
- Parents in the Lord
- Children

Why Obey

- It is right
- It is commanded
- It is rewarded

Application:

- Submission : enaction with understanding as equal
- Obedience : enaction before understanding as lesser
 - Enact first, understand later.

Fathers:

- Do not provoke to anger
 - Overcorrect with harshness
 - Exhaust by discouragement
 - Embitter
 - Give reason to hate

Application:

- Discipline is done for their benefit to restore
- Discipline is not revenge or anger
- Rules with out love cause estrangement
- Rules without reason cause rebellion

Bring them up (Feed and nourish)

- In the discipline (behavior training) of the Lord
- In the instruction (thought forming) of the Lord

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What are the different kinds of submission in the Bible? How should this shape the way we lead or follow in various relationships in our lives?
3. What wisdom does the Bible give us for raising children from Ephesians 6:1-4? What other wisdom does the Bible give for parenting?
4. What do you find most difficult or counterculture about the Bible's commands/wisdom about parenting?
5. Since God is our Father, looking at how God deals with us, can help us better understand how we should raise up our children. What things about how God cares for and raises us can you apply to how you raise up children in the Lord (whether they are yours or in the church at large)?