

A Christ-centered Family
Ephesians 6:1-4

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I. Be a parent who listens well. *Ephesians 6:1-4*

_____ in parenting is very important. We should not make promises or threats to our child and then fail to follow through.

- Listening is a _____ behavior, and Children learn more from what they constantly observe than from what they hear.

True love is an act of the will, not an emotion. Christ's followers should place their _____ on Jesus above all else.

- Children, who are valued above a spouse within a family, tend to become _____.

II. We need to be parents who value honor. *Ephesians 6:2*

Honor literally means to prize, or to fix a valuation upon, by implication, to revere and _____.

- The Lord has a structure for how things in life are to operate and if we follow those structures we will be _____.

When you don't do things the Lord's way, you wander _____, instead of making it to the Promise Land you suffer needlessly in the desert.

III. Our home is to be an encouragement center. *Ephesians 6:4*

"Do not provoke" or **exasperate**, which means not to push our children into _____. The opposite of exasperation is to encourage!

- Thanking children for obedience reinforces the behavior you want to see while showing them that their efforts are valued. A simple "thank you" communicates _____ and appreciation.

Sometimes a kid just needs a parent who is _____ to listen and be understanding, so they will share their problems and feelings and learn how to problem-solve for themselves.

IV. Our home needs to be a worship center. *Ephesians 6:4*

Our children need training and discipline = both _____ and _____ correction.

- The key is for us to teach and train our children to have the _____ of Jesus. ***Philippians 2:5-8***

Worship is living your life in a way that _____ God how much He is worth to you.

V. Practical Application.

Our ultimate example of fatherhood is our loving Heavenly Father, who guides, disciplines, and _____ for His children. **1 John 3:1**

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