

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children and Parents

For the Kids...

- Paul directly addresses children
- *tekna* – in this context children who dwell at home
- Obey (*hupokouo*) vs Submit (*hupotasso*)
- Parents in the Lord

Parents in the Lord

- Possibilities:
 - Obey your spiritual parents
 - Obey your parents if they are in the Lord
 - Obey your parents by reliance upon the Lord
- Identification in Ephesians
- For this is right – *dikaiois* – right, just, fair, righteous

Umbrellas of Authority



WAIT A MINUTE!

- Believers in Christ have died to the Law (Gal. 2:19-21)
- The Law is a ministry of death (2 Cor. 3:7)
- Works of the Law didn't begin our salvation and can't complete our salvation/growth (Gal. 3:1-4)
- Under the Law sin gains mastery over us (Rom. 6:14)
- What the Law is for...
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Note how carefully Paul uses this command from the Law

Proving a Point

- Paul points out at this relationship between children and parents goes back quite a ways...
- He is not putting the church under the guarantee that keeping this command will bring the promised blessing...
- This command is one of the 10 Commandments
- The promise was a national promise that they would remain in the Land that God had given them
- However, it is clear that people who don't listen to their parents very often shorten their lives...

Bringing them Up

- You are raising an adult!
- *paideia* – child-training...discipline
- *nouthesia* – warning...placing something in their mind
- ***THIS IS NOT JUST TEACHING THEM...THIS IS BIGGER THAN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.***

Conclusion

- Family First – Your marriage, then your children.
- Honor your Parents
- Lovingly Lead your Children to Christ
- All by His power and grace