

## “Children and Parents Part 2”

### Ephesians: Plans, Purposes, and Practices in Christ

#### Ephesians 6:1-4

**Big Idea:** Christian parents should nurture and guide their children with godly discipline and instruction.

**First Step:** \_\_\_\_\_ to the heavenly father yourself.

**Ephesians 6:4:** \_\_\_\_\_, do not provoke your children to \_\_\_\_\_, but bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>5</sup>

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Reflection Questions:

Am I setting a good example by submitting to Jesus Christ, the head of the church?

Have I taken every opportunity to counsel with leaders and other members of the church about parenting?

For further reading: Hebrews 12:5-11; Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Also visit the Whites Run Baptist Church facebook page for recent posts on this topic.

<sup>5</sup> Submit; Fathers...anger...discipline...instruction...Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

“...Parents should care more for the loyalty of their children to Christ than for anything besides, more for this than for their health, their intellectual vigour and brilliance, their material prosperity, their social position, their exemption from great sorrows and great misfortunes. Their loyalty to Christ must be cared for, not because it will be a defence and guarantee of the moral virtues and a protection against vices which might end in disgrace and ruin, but for its own sake and for Christ’s sake. Only when our children have found eternal righteousness and eternal life in Him, has the trust we have received from Him been successfully discharged; only then have our children discharged their supreme duty and achieved their supreme blessedness.”

— R. W. Dale, *The Epistle to the Ephesians: Its Doctrine and Ethics*. 1892. London: Hodder and Stoughton.