



**Ephesians 6:1**  
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (ESV)

**1. Aim** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-4)

**2. Attenuate** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4a)

**3. Assist** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4b)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 John 5:21; Matthew 22:37-38; and 10:37-39**. Many people are trying to "find their lives" in their families. While we must certainly seek to glorify God in our home life, what are some of the signs that someone might be making an idol of his or her family?
2. Read **Joshua 24:14-15**. What are some of the practical indicators that a family is truly serving the Lord, in distinction to the typical non-Christian home?
3. Read **Proverbs 12:16; 14:29; 15:18; and James 1:19-20**. What are some of the damaging effects of an angry home?
4. Read **Deuteronomy 6:5-9**. Obviously a home that loves God supremely will love his word. What specifically will you do to step up the intake and amplify the influence of the Bible in your home?
5. Read **Colossians 3:12-20**. How does a reading of this passage challenge you? What particular application will you put into practice from this text?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16*

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39*

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26*

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Josh. 23-24 & Lk. 6:27-49*

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Judg. 1-2 & Lk. 7:1-30*

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
*Judg. 3-5 & Lk. 7:31-50*

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Judg. 6-7 & Lk. 8:1-21*

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Judg. 8-9 & Lk. 8:22-56*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 12-25 – **God in Everyday Life**  
Msg. 09-14 – **Rethinking the Importance of Your Marriage**  
Msg. 09-15 – **Avoiding the Common Sins in Parenting**  
Msg. 09-16 – **Preparing Your Kids for Repentance & Faith**  
Msg. 08-17 – **The Unpleasant Task of Correction**  
Msg. 09-18 – **Strategic Training and Direction**  
Msg. X13-02 – X13-04 – **More Than Friends** (a three-part series on marriage)  
Msg. 12-22 – **When the Checkbook is Empty**

## This Week's Social Media Hashtag

**#GoodShepherding**

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **Christian Living in the Home**. P & R Publishing, 1972.  
Bergren, Lisa T. **Upside-Down Prayers for Parents: Devotions for Entrusting Your Child to God**. WaterBrook, 2013.  
Fabarez, Mike. **Bible Survey for Kids: A Simplified Interactive System**. Focal Point Ministries, 2009.  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Raising Men, Not Boys: Shepherding Yours Sons to be Men of God**. Moody Publishers, 2017.  
Farrar, Steve. **Point Man: How a Man Can Lead His Family**. Multnomah Publishers, 2009.  
George, Elizabeth. **A Girl's Guide to Making Really Good Choices**. Harvest House, 2013.  
George, Jim. **A Boy's Guide to Making Really Good Choices**. Harvest House, 2013.  
Gunderson, Dennis. **Your Child's Profession of Faith**. Calvary Press, 1994.  
MacArthur, John. **What the Bible Says About Parenting**. Thomas Nelson, 2000.  
Plowman, Ginger. **Don't Make Me Count to Three: A Mom's Look at Heart-Oriented Discipline**. Shepherd's Press, 2011.  
Ray, Bruce. **Withhold Not Correction**. Baker Book House, 1978.  
Ryle, J. C. **The Duty of Parents**. Ichthus Publications, 2014.  
Schmitt, Betsy. **Sticky Situations: 365 Devotions for Kids and Families**. Tyndale, 2006.  
Ware, Bruce. **Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God**. Crossway, 2009.