



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. Know _____ (v.1)

2. Believe _____ (vv.2-3)

3. Be _____ (v.4a)

4. Consistently _____ (v.4b)

5. Courageously _____ (v.4c)

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 **Proverbs 22:6**. While there are admittedly exceptions to the principle that this proverb highlights, in what ways do we parents too often fail at intentionally training our kids to actually walk on the godly path they ought to stay on for the remainder of their lives?
2. Read **1 Samuel 3:13**. What are some of the reasons parents are timid, uncertain, and cowardly when the correction and direction of their children rightly requires a more firm, intentional, and bold approach?
3. Read **James 1:19-20**. Why is thoughtful, strong and consistent leadership in the home more effective in truly correcting and directing children than the compliance that can be immediately had through yelling and outbursts of anger?
4. Read **1 Timothy 3:4-5** and **Proverbs 20:11**. Even though passages like these tell us our children's behavior reveals our spirituality and their budding character, some are afraid to push their kids to do right out of fear they will be insincere in doing so, thus making them "Pharisees!" How would you respond to that concern?
5. Read **3 John 4**. Consider the joy we would experience if our church raised up scores of godly young people who courageously walk in the truth throughout their lives. What kind of actions and prayers might you engage in to see this happen?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

September 10th
Prov.17-18 & 2Cor.2

September 11th
Prov.19-20 & 2Cor.3

September 12th
Prov.21-22 & 2Cor.4

September 13th
Prov.23-24 & 2Cor.5

September 14th
Prov.25-27 & 2Cor.6

September 15th
Prov.28-29 & 2Cor.7

September 16th
Prov.30-31 & 2Cor.8

September 17th
Ecc.1-3 & 2Cor.9

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

- Msg. 08-17 – **The Unpleasant Task of Correction**
- Msg. 09-18 – **Strategic Training and Direction**
- Msg. 12-36 – **God's Leader in Training**
- Msg. 17-06 – **Tending to the Spiritual Needs of Your Home**
- Msg. 12-25 – **God in Everyday Life**
- Msg. 07-28 – **Recognizing & Responding to God's Correction**
- Msg. 09-14 – 0918 – **Passing the Baton** (a five-part series on parenting)

*This Sermon's
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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.
- Berndt, Jodie. **Praying the Scriptures for Your Children**. Zondervan, 2001.
- 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.
- Getz, Gene A. **The Measure of a Man: Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man**. Revell, 2004.
- Murray, Andrew. **Raising Your Child for Christ**. Whitaker House, 2017.
- Plowman, Ginger. **Don't Make Me Count to Three: A Mom's Look at Heart-Oriented Discipline**. Shepherd's Press, 2011.
- Priolo, Lou. **The Heart of Anger: Practical Help for the Prevention and Cure of Anger in Children**. Grace & Truth, 2015.
- Ray, Bruce. **Withhold Not Correction**. Baker Book House, 1978.
- Ryle, J. C. **The Duty of Parents**. Ichthus Publications, 2014.
- Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.
- Spurgeon, Susannah and Joseph Harrald, eds. **C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography: The Early Years**. Banner of Truth, 1962.