

“Honor Your Father”
Ephesians 6:1-4

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1. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4
2. Reality is different today. Let me give you the Top 10 Fathering facts from Fathers.com
 - a. While father may have known best in the 1960’s, it is a whole different world today.
3. So let me make 4 suggestions to you today.
 - I. Be Sure To Teach Your Children Respect For Authority. Proverbs 22:6, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
 - A. Teaching respect for authority is the basis for well-adjusted children.
 1. “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 6:5-7
 2. “My son, keep your father’s commands and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.” Proverbs 6:20
 - B. Begin at a tender age to teach your children the guidelines in your home for appropriate behavior.
 - C. Determine whether this is rebellion or not.
 - II. Show Love Unashamedly! Ephesians 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”
 - A. Love your wife unashamedly!
 - B. Love your child unashamedly!
 - III. Material Things Are Not Adequate Substitutes For Love.
 - A. Don’t make the mistake of thinking that giving material things is the same as love.
 - B. The basic experience of wanting and waiting is one of the greatest needs of life.
 - IV. Bring Them Up in the Instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4, “Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”
 - A. We must bring them up in the training of the Lord.
 - B. We are to pass on the rich heritage of our faith to our children.