

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Ephesians 6:1-4

**Homes improve when children and fathers apply biblical principles.
- Let's take a look at some of those principles today.**

I. COMMANDS FOR KIDS (1-3)

A. OBEY YOUR PARENTS (1)

- A conduct command

1. The Duty: Obey

a. Listening

- The concept involves listening because you are under your parents authority

b. Attentiveness

- See Proverbs 1:8 and 4:1-4 for some parental calls to "hear."

c. Compliance

- The idea is to hear and act in compliance with what is heard

- Exp: Used of Rhoda in Acts 12:13 answering a knock at the door.

d. Consistency

- Whether the parents are there or not!

2. The Worship: "In the Lord"

- Their obedience is a reflection of their obedience to the Lord

3. The Reason: "This is right"

- This precisely meets God's standard

4. An Example: Jesus in Luke 2:51

B. HONOR YOUR PARENTS (2-3)

- An attitude command

1. The Requirement

a. The fifth of the ten commandments - cf. Ex. 20:12

b. Hold them in the highest regard putting them in place of honor

c. You place both parents in a place of honor

d. This encompasses all of your their life and yours

2. The Motivation

a. This is the first command with a promise

b. This is the first of the commands for man's relationship with men - Ex. 20:12

c. This is a priority command with great importance

3. The Result

a. Quality of life experience: It will be well with you

b. Quantity of years: You may live long on the earth

4. An Example: Jesus in John 19:25-27

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II. DIRECTIVES FOR DADS (4)

A. AVOID ENRAGING YOUR CHILDREN

1. Be Temperate: Do not provoke
 - Do not continually stir up or arouse your children
2. Be Careful: Children can become angry
 - They can lose heart or become defeated if you are inconsistent or intolerant
3. Be Tender
 - Be a trainer ... show them how
4. Be Responsible
 - You can provoke them by not providing limits

B. COMMIT TO INSTRUCTING YOUR CHILDREN

1. The Subject: Bring them up
 - a. Nourish: Help them along by providing tender care
 - b. Encourage: Bringing them up not driving them up!
 - c. Model: You can not bring them where you haven't been!
2. The Means: Discipline and Instruction
 - a. Your ways: Discipline
 - b Your words: Instruction

CONCLUSION:

Let's not be guilty of ignoring God's design for home improvements.

1. Children obey and honor your parents.
2. Dads avoid enraging and commit to teaching your children.

The future of the church depends on the application of these truths!