

**Series: A New You (Ephesians)**

**Sermon: Parenting and Childhood God's Way**

**Bible Verses: Ephesians 6:1-4**

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The love of Jesus, which we are supposed to emulate, combines \_\_\_\_\_ and holiness. It's also about \_\_\_\_\_, forgiveness, and submission (Eph 4-5) - putting others needs ahead of our own.

**This teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_ as a parent, and how we, as \_\_\_\_\_, should respond to God!**

Children are to obey: it is exactly "how things \_\_\_\_\_," when a child obeys a parent.

Children should honor their parents, meaning they should be \_\_\_\_\_ them and show it by how \_\_\_\_\_ their parents.

**Practical Application:** Decide to obey and honor God, like a child should with their parent.

Suggestion: Write down an area where I \_\_\_\_\_ and then write how God might be trying to bring me blessing through his command and how it would honor God to obey.

**Parenting is not \_\_\_\_\_ or permissive, it promotes \_\_\_\_\_.**

The primary goal of parents is to lead their kids \_\_\_\_\_!

Parents: do not move your kids towards \_\_\_\_\_. Don't push them \_\_\_\_\_.

"Training" is the Greek word for nurture. It means leading by your compassionate teaching combined with \_\_\_\_\_ and actions.

"Instruction" is the Greek word for verbal encouragements or warnings. It is about using logic and \_\_\_\_\_ proper behavior.

**Practical Application:** I should parent to build up, encourage, discipline and be punitive.

Suggestion: make a list of parenting behaviors/consequences we've given and decide if they were \_\_\_\_\_ or instructing? "How could I do better?"

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- Were your parents more punitive, permissive, or promoting purpose? How so?
- What lessons do you think you "accidentally" learned about God (whether right or wrong) based on how your parents treated you as a child?
- What are some things you think God is trying to communicate about himself, based on what he told parents to be like?