

Children Obey your Parents
Ephesians 6:1-3

To whom is Paul speaking in the text?

What was it like to be in a Roman family during the time of Jesus?

And into that culture, Paul speaks directly to the children.

What does God ask of you children?

“Obey your parents.”

It is doing what you are told.

But Paul is after more than merely obedience.

Have you ever obeyed your parents, but were frustrated, annoyed, about it?

Obey in the Lord, What does that mean?

Joyful obedience is a beautiful thing, but disobedience is an ugly, ugly thing.

We all try to make our sin small. (Romans 1:28-32, 2 Timothy 3:1-5)

To sin, to disobey God, is to be worthy of death.

Three assumptions about the children in this text

Have you ever been told to do something, and then you asked why?

Typically, when God gives a command, He also gives a good reason.

Motivations to Obey your Parents

It is part of your commitment to Christ. (Discipleship)

It is right.

A general sense of what is fitting and appropriate (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 4:1)

What is right, is the keeping of the law. (Psalm 37:28-31; Proverbs 28:1-12)

Honor your parents.

The Promise - Things will go well, and live long.

“Live long and prosper.”

Is this a promise to every individual?

It is a general truth.

Application: