



Lesson 17

PAUL'S PARENTING PRINCIPLES

“that it may be well” (v3)

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Exploring today's lesson

- ⦿ This admonition to children **rounds out** Paul's teaching on the family.
- ⦿ These are not **distinctively** Christian principles.
- ⦿ Every home needs Christ!
- ⦿ This lesson will **focus on adults** by emphasizing "Paul's Parenting Principles".



A Discussion Point

**Where does the
responsibility
for the outcome.**

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The Command to Children (1-3)

- ⦿ “obey” & “honor” – literally “listen up”
- ⦿ “in the Lord” – in a Christ honoring way
- ⦿ “this is right” – proper
- ⦿ “with promise” – a principle of blessing

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Paul's Parenting Principles (4)

- ⦿ Don't provoke – **exasperate**
- ⦿ Nurture – disciplinary **correction** (*paideia*)
- ⦿ Admonition – **instruction**, “put into the mind”, *nouthetic* counseling

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3 Closing Thoughts:

- ⦿ **Churches** depend on strong families.
- ⦿ **Cultures** depend on strong families.
- ⦿ The task is **much harder** than these simple principles would suggest! Thus we need 2 “h”s:
 - Humility
 - Help



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