

Obedient children in a disobedient world

Ephesians 6:1-3

I. **Obedience:** A child's first important step of spiritual development is obedience to parents (Ephesians 6:1).

A. *Children obey...in the Lord* – Obedience is so important to children because it is actually how they obey God (6:1a)

- Obedience teaches a child how to relate to God's authority.
- Obedience is how a child pleases the Lord (Colossians 3:20).

B. *This is right* – Obedience is so important for children because it's always been God's plan to work through honoring authority (Exodus 20:12 below).

II. **Honor:** God promises blessing to a child who honors his or her parents (Ephesians 6:2-3).

A. *Honor your father and mother* – The 5th Commandment is a primary commandment (6:2a; Exodus 20:12).

B. *With a promise* – God blesses children of any age who show respect and honor to their parents (6:2b-3).

- *It will go well with you* – Children who honor parents are blessed.
- *Enjoy long life* – Children who honor parents tend to live longer.