

## God's Expectations for Kids and Dads

### Eph. 6:1-4

#### Children, obey your parents. 6:1-3

##### Motivations for obedience:

It is right to do. It expresses God's will, 5:17 and it pleases Him, Col. 3:20.

It brings success and lengthens life. This = 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, Ex. 20:12. See Lv.19:3, Dt. 21:18-21, 27:16. Proverbs 1:15ff., 3:1,2, 6:20-23, 23:14, 30:17 reinforces this. To obey = honor.

#### Dads, don't provoke your children but discipline them biblically. 6:4

Negatively: Why is the focus just on fathers as in Col. 3:21? What are some things that fathers should avoid doing that might provoke their children to anger or to "lose heart" as Col. 3:21 warns about?

Positively: Nurture them in the *discipline* (Heb. 12:5/Prov. 3:11) and *corrective instruction* (used in Titus 3:10) of the Lord. Mothers involved too (Prov. 1:8,9), but this responsibility falls heaviest on fathers as head of the house. What might this look like?

