



The Duty of Children
25th in the “Ephesians” Series
Ephesians 6:1-3
August 23, 2026
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Introduction

In this passage, we learn the duty God has assigned to children in a Christian home.

Five things God teaches every child from this passage:

1) Christianity and the church are not just for adults– they are for children (v. 1).

2) God wants to have a relationship with you (v. 1).

3) God designed the family, and it is a very good thing (v. 1).

4) God wants children to obey their parents (vv. 1-2).

- We **listen** with our **ears**.
- We **act** with our **hands**.
- We **respect** with our **hearts**.

5) Children who obey their parents are blessed (vv. 2-3).

Response

May the Lord help our children obey and honor their parents in the Lord.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) In what ways should a church be a community that welcomes and ministers to children, and how well does Hope Church do that?
- 2) What does God expect of children when he commands them to “obey your parents” (v. 1)? What role do parents have in complying with that command?
- 3) The qualifier, “in the Lord,” in v. 1 implies that the family is Christian. How might Christians raise children differently from non-Christians?
- 4) V. 1 says “obey,” but the fifth commandment quoted in v. 2 says “honor” your parents. While the terms work well together, how is “obey” different than “honor?” And how might honoring our parents extend well into adulthood?
- 5) What does the promise or blessing mean in v. 3? How have you seen that blessing work itself out in the lives of people and families you know?
- 6) If God takes children and their spiritual lives seriously, how much should we take them seriously? In light of this truth, in what ways can you do more to care for and minister to the kids at Hope Church?
- 7) Action Step: Spend time in prayer for the children in our church family (from babies to high school students). Pray also for the parents as they seek to raise their children in the Lord.

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Psalm 127:3 (Mon); Matthew 19:14 (Tues); Matthew 18:3 (Wed); Proverbs 22:6 (Thurs); Psalm 139:13 (Fri).