



The Ministry of Parents

25th in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 6:4

August 30, 2026

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Introduction

In this passage, we learn about the significant ministry of parents to their children.

Three truths regarding the duty of a Christian parent:

- 1) Every Christian parent has been assigned by God to have a parenting ministry to their children.
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Response

May the Lord help parents nourish their children and instruct them 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) How would you describe the way your parents raised you, especially regarding “the training and instruction of the Lord”?
- 2) Why is it significant that through this verse the Lord addresses parents and their important duties directly? What does that teach us about God’s concern for the nuclear family?
- 3) In what ways can parents “exasperate” their children, and what steps can be taken to avoid such parenting?
- 4) What does it look like in practice for parents to raise their children “in the training and instructions of the Lord?” What habits, practices, and rituals can help implement such training?
- 5) How can parents take their parenting ministry seriously and yet embrace their finitude and failings? How might parents need to apply the gospel of Jesus Christ to their own parenting?
- 6) What can or should congregants at Hope Church do to aid in the ministry of children (at church) and encourage and support parents in their parenting ministry (at home)?
- 7) Action Step: Spend time in prayer for the parents in our church family. Pray also for the ministries to children, youth, and families in our church and for the congregation to faithfully serve in them.

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Proverbs 22:6 (Mon); Colossians 3:20-21 (Tues); 1 Timothy 5:8 (Wed); Proverbs 29:17 (Thurs); Psalm 127:3 (Fri).