

# **“A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE CHILDREN”**

## **EPHESIANS 6:1-3**

Two words summarize the essential functions of the child in the Christian home and even in the home where one or both parents are not Christians: OBEDIENCE and HONOR. Let's consider these one at a time and in this order.

### **I. The child or teen is to be OBEDIENT toward their parents. (v. 1)**

- A. The DESCRIPTION of the child's obedience. (Colossians 3:20)
- B. The DEPICTION of the child's obedience. (Luke 2:51; II Timothy 3:14-15)
- C. The DISTINCTIVES of the child's obedience. (Proverbs 10:1b; I Peter 2:2)

### **II. The child or teen is to HONOR their parents. (vv. 2-3)**

- A. A DEFINITION of the child's honor. (Exodus 2:12)  
("to count valuable" or "make weighty")
- B. A DESCRIPTION of the child's honor. (Matthew 15:8)
- C. A DELIGHT in the child's honor. (v.3)

### **Practical ways to honor your parents:**

1. SPEAK WELL of them to your friends. (Exodus 21:17; Proverbs 20:20)
2. OBEY them without delay. (Ephesians 6:1; Proverbs 6:20)
3. TAKE THEIR ADVICE seriously. (Leviticus 19:3a; Proverbs 8:33)