

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

## **EPHESIANS 6:4**

We could also refer to this study as “principles for practical parenting.” There are two words used in this text that describe the essential responsibility of a Christian father. He may, at times, delegate some application to his wife. Thus these become principles for both parents.

### **I. Godly parents will ENCOURAGE their children. (v. 4a)**

- A. Encourage your child by SETTING THE EXAMPLE. (I Timothy 4:12)
- B. Encourage your child by SPENDING THE TIME. (Ephesians 5:15-16)
- C. Encourage your child by SOFTENING YOUR HEART. (Malachi 4:6)

### **II. Godly parents will NURTURE their children. (v. 4b)**

- A. A DEFINITION of nurture. (I Thessalonians 2:7)
- B. A DESCRIPTION of nurture. (Hebrews 12:5-6, 11; Proverbs 22:6)

Christian parents have the responsibility to follow Psalm 78:3-4. “What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us, we will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generations to come...”

— rrc