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**A Word To Children**

Ephesians 6:1-3

**Key Truth:** Since a husband and wife are the foundation of the family, then the children become the vessels God uses to build upon that foundation.

1. Children are very important to the family.

 A. Children are the offspring of the family fruit. Genesis 1:27-28

 B. Children are a gift and reward from God. Psalms 127:3

 C. Children are the future of the family.

2. Children, it is God who commands you to obey. Ephesians 6:2

 A. Children must be trained in how to live. Proverbs 22:6

 B. Obedience is not automatic.

 1. Your obedience is as unto the Lord. Ephesians 6:1

 2. God declares it is the right thing to do.

3. God has many blessings for those who honor their parents.

 Ephesians 6:3

 A. Setbacks in life will be minimized.

 1. You will have the support of your parents.

 2. God will always be with you. Joshua 1:5

 B.You will effectively fulfill God’s purpose in your life.

4. Practical applications to honor our parents.

 A. Seek to always show respect.

 B. Be available to care for them if needed.

 C. Seek to live an honorable and obedient life.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Trust that Jesus Christ has a purpose and plan for your life. Children, ask God to help you live out Jesus’ example of submission in your parental relationships.

**Connection Group Study Questions:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

As a child, what was the biggest thing you ever did to disrespect or disobey your parents?

How big of an issue is lack of respect today between parents and children?

What relationship are children and parents supposed to have according to Paul’s words in Ephesians?

Read John 15:9-10. What do we learn about submitting to our parents from Jesus’ example? What are specific situations that might make submitting to your parents more challenging?

Is it ever appropriate for parents to submit to their children? If so, explain.

Read Ephesians 6:1-3: What do you think might result from a society in which people generally honor and obey their parents?

How can children of all ages and family situations give their parents the respect God commands?

What are the most important ways that Christian parenting is different from secular parenting?

What’s the most challenging part of parenting for you right now? How can our group support each other in that?