



Living Beyond Yourself

A Study Through Ephesians

Part 28 – A Very Functional Family

A functional family is...

a _____ and _____ community

Ephesians 6:1-4

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Children's Responsibility

Children means any offspring under _____

There is a call for _____ - Obedience (verse 1)

Now why does Paul have to tell children to obey their parents?

There is something inside me that does _____ what to _____ to others.

Proverbs 6:20 - Observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother...

Obey your parents in the Lord.

- "obey your _____ parents"
- "obey for the _____"

Colossians 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

"If you won't get along with your _____, you won't get along with _____."

Four "Ds" Which Necessitate Discipline

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

There is call for proper _____ – Honor (verse 2)

"In God's eyes—and in a small child's—a parent stands in the place of God Himself. In the physical sense, parents are the child's creator, provider, lawgiver, teacher, and protector—and sometimes even savior. A child's response to this relationship will greatly determine his later response to larger relationships in society."

Proverbs 17:25 - A foolish child brings _____ to his father and _____ to the one who bore him.

The Parent's Responsibility

There is a call for _____ - (verse 4)

The word "exasperate" means to "_____, irritate, frustrate or to _____ greatly". It means to put someone in a spot where they feel that they must react to you.

Colossians 3:21: "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

There is a call for _____ train and instruct

Training

Ephesians 5:29-30 - After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—

Instruction

Hebrews 12:5-7 - My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Parents _____ and children _____