

**Series "Our Riches In Christ"**  
**"The Walk Of The Child"**  
**Ephesians 6:1-3**  
**Study-22**

The Bible, in just 4 verses, gives to us the role of children and parents. **There is such a thing as "Objective Truth." There are absolutes, and what the Bible presents is "Truth!"**

This section that we are looking at is **Ephesians 5:18-6:9** dealing with **"The Walk in Harmony."** He starts with the power for harmony which is being filled with the Spirit.

**Ephesians 5:18**

**Paul reveals 3 evidences of one being filled with the Spirit!**

- 1. Evidence – Joy: Ephesians 5:19**
- 2. Evidence – Thankfulness: Ephesians 5:20**
- 3. Evidence – Submissive: Ephesians 5:21**

**We need to keep 3 things in mind:**

- 1. We need to start with a good marriage.**
- 2. Children are a gift from the Lord.**
- 3. Children are on loan from God.**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "The Child That Obeys And Honors His Parents Is Obeying The Lord, Which Will Result In Blessing."

- 1. Verse 1 – Obedience To Parents**
- 2. Verse 1 – Obedience In The Lord**
- 3. Verse 1 – Obedience Is Right**
- 4. Verse 2 – Obedience Of Heart**
- 5. Verses 2-3 – Obedience Brings Blessings**

**1. Verse 1 – Obedience To Parents:**

Ephesians 6:1 – "Children" – "offspring; not limited to babies, or small children; it simply means offspring."

"obey" – Greek word from which we get our English "acoustics;" Two words, "to hear" and "with submission."

"Delayed Obedience Is Simply Disobedience!"

“your parents” – the father is the leader in the direction for the family, but the mother must be unified in the direction of the family.

Why does God command children to obey? Because every human is born a rebel, Proverbs 22:15.

All of our children have different personalities.

Obedience speaks of “actions.” The question is when does a child stop being obedient to his parents? It is difficult to give an exact figure as the Bible does not giving a specific age.

Genesis 2:24

## **2. Verse 1 – Obedience In The Lord:**

Ephesians 6:1 – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

“in the Lord,” – This is important, because Paul is speaking to Christians.

Colossians 3:20

A child cannot serve God apart from obedience to his parents.

## **3. Verse 1 – Obedience Is Right:**

Ephesians 6:1 – “for this is right.” – Recognized by almost every culture. It is not only righteous, but it is the right thing to do.

Not only right for children to obey, but also right for parents to obey by doing what the Word teaches.

## **3 Reasons Why Obedience Is Right:**

- 1. Nature** – Offspring come from adults. It is written in the heart, Romans 2:14-15.
- 2. Law** – God’s Law, given to Moses, commanded children’s obedience to parents. It was The Divine Law, Exodus 20:3-17; 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment, Exodus 20:12.

When we outline the Ten Commandments, we say that Commandments 1- 4 belong to God, then Commandments 5-10 apply to man. The Jews took the law and divided it in half. They believed that the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment would be a great dividing point, Exodus 20:12.

Nehemiah 9:13

**3. Gospel** – It is for the followers of God; In the Lord. As a child of God, we are not only told by Nature, and Law, but also by our relationship to Jesus Christ.

There are many examples in Scripture as to the consequences of not obeying, but it is a sign of a decadent society at the point of collapse, Romans 1:28-32.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

#### **4. Verse 2 – Obedience Of Heart:**

Ephesians 6:2 – “Honor” – “to respect, to place as precious, to have a high regard for.” This has to do with our attitude. It is possible to obey but not respect.

To Obey is to submit in actions. To Honor is to have a heart condition, attitude.

Luke 2:51-52

This honoring involves revering the position that has been placed over you.

Matthew 15:1-6

#### **5. Verses 2-3 – Obedience Brings Blessings:**

Ephesians 6:2 – “(which is the first commandment with a promise),” – The old Testament taught that a curse was upon those that rebelled against God’s authority regarding parents, Leviticus 20:9; Deuteronomy 21:18-21.

It was not the first commandment with promise listed in the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:4 – It is the first in the sense that it reveals the character of God, the heart. God wants obedience of the heart.

Ephesians 6:3 – “SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU,” – The promise that was made was to Israel; that they would prosper. “well with you,” – open to all People that will follow Him.

“MAY BE WELL WITH YOU,” – We are talking about “peace of God,” “Good marriage,” “Godly friends,” “Joy.”

“AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.” – It had said that you “MAY LIVE LONG IN THE LAND.” Paul is addressing the body of Christ that extends to all nations and peoples, not just Israel.

God’s desire is to pass these teachings and blessings on to the next generation.

Proverbs 4:1-10

### **Application:**

1. Obedience To Parents Means To Hear And Obey. God Is Concerned About Our Actions.
2. Obedience In The Lord Governs The Extent In Our Obedience To Our Parents.
3. Obedience Is Right. We Witness Obedience In Nature Through Offspring Obeying Parents. The Divine Law Commands Obedience. The Gospel Relationship Through Jesus Christ Is Obedience.
4. Obedience Of Heart: Obedience Deals With Actions. Honoring Deals With The Condition And Attitude Of The heart.
5. Obedience Brings Blessings. God’s Commandment To Children To Obey And Honor Their Parents Is The First Commandment With A Promise Of Blessing.