



FAMILY
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Next Steps

- I will memorize Colossians 3:18-21 this week.
- I will take a step this week toward mending a relationship in my family.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



Lesson Aim: To consider how Paul's discussion of parents and children contributes to the theme of glorifying God in our relationships.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion and/or devotional time.

1. **READ Ephesians 6:1-3.** What reasons are given for obeying and honoring parents?
2. In your own life (or in the lives of others) how have you seen God bless those who honor and obey their parents?
3. Is it possible to obey parents without honoring them? Explain.
4. What are some practical ways you can obey or honor your parents (even if they have passed away and it is limited to the memory of them)?
5. How can fathers (and/or mothers) exasperate (embitter or discourage) their children?
6. **Read Ephesians 6:4.** What might be some reasons that Paul contrasts exasperating (embittering or discouraging) children with "instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"?

7. If you are a parent, what can you do to follow Ephesians 6:4 more closely this week? If you are not a parent, how have you seen Ephesians 6:4 in action, either in positive or negative ways?
8. In the message this weekend, Pastor Jeremy talked about "Raising the Relational Bar" in our relationships. Looking over your notes, which application point do you believe God is leading you to apply to your life? What can you do this week to begin making this change?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Daily Devotional Plan – Scriptures on Family.

Day 1 – Genesis 2:24

Day 2 – Genesis 33:5

Day 3 – Joshua 24:15

Day 4 – Psalm 127:3-5

Day 5 – Proverbs 12:7

Day 6 – Proverbs 31:28-29

Day 7 – Romans 8:16-17

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?)
- What do you think? (What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?)
- What will you do? (What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?)
- Now talk to God (Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.)