

What is parenting?

Parenting is the stewardship of the future humanity and world.

SCRIPTURE

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

What is **submission**?

Mutual Submission between children and parents

SCRIPTURE

¹Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

Obey & Honor**Obey –**

- (1) to follow the commands or guidance of;
 (2) to conform to or comply with

¹Children, **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“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

Obey VS Honor**Honor –**

- (1) High respect, as that shown for special merit; recognition or esteem.
 (2) Great privilege.
 (3) **Good name; reputation.**

¹**A good name** [earned by honorable behavior, godly wisdom, moral courage, and personal integrity] is more desirable than great riches; And favor is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1 (AMP)

EPHESIANS

10 Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17)

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

EPHESIANS

10 Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17)

5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet

Children are called to **obey and honor** *(the lawful orders of)* their parents.

To Parents (especially fathers)

FATHERLESS STATISTICS

⁴Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger by the way you treat them.

Ephesians 6:4a (NLT)

⁴Fathers, **do not provoke your children to anger** [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them]

Ephesians 6:4 (AMP)

How do fathers (and mothers) provoke their children?

- 1. Insist on a standard for their children they are not willing to practice.**
- 2. Force them to be someone God has not made them.**

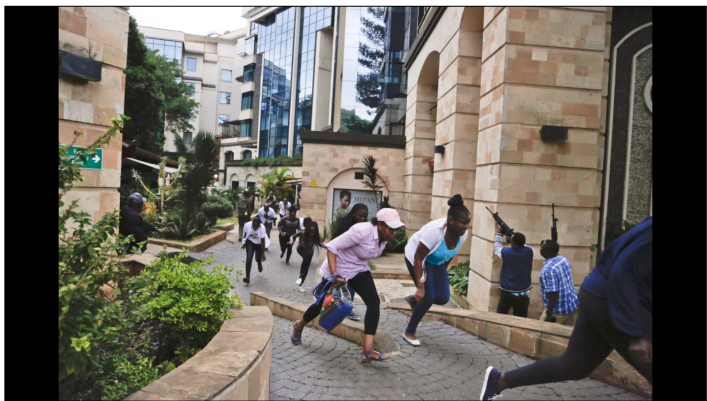
Proverbs 22:6 — On Raising Children

KJV: **Train up** a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

MSG: **Point** your kids in the right direction - when they're old they won't be lost.

NLT: **Direct** your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.





God gives **men** (husbands/
fathers) great responsibility.
They are expected to **nourish**
their wives (Eph. 5:29)
and **their children** with love.

SCRIPTURE

Rather, bring them up with the
discipline (*paideia*) and **instruction**
(*nouthesia*) that comes from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4b (NLT)

¹¹My son, do not despise the LORD's
discipline, and do not resent his
rebuke,¹²because **the LORD disciplines**
those he loves, as a father the son he
delights in.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)

**Benefits of Mutual Submission in
Parent/Child Relationships**

EPHESIANS

1

**Practicing mutual submission
teaches both, parents and
children, how to model Jesus'
example of a servant.**

**Who (Jesus), being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own
advantage; rather, he made himself
nothing by taking the very nature of a
servant...he humbled himself by
becoming obedient to death—even
death on a cross!**

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)

2

Practicing mutual submission communicates that the other person's thoughts and opinions have value and matter.

3

Practicing mutual submission reveals the attitude of humility and a life long learner.

Family (parents & children) is a covenant relationship that finds its fulfillment when we honor the God's gift and grace of the other person to help make us become more like Christ.
