

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**The Man and His Children
Ephesians 6:1-4
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I. Our children must obey their parents.

A. It is right.

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

cf. Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9; Romans 1:30; II Timothy 3:2; Colossians 3:20

B. It is blessed.

² *“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),* ³ *“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”*

cf. Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:8-13

II. Fathers must rear their children.

A. Do not provoke them to anger.

⁴ *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, ...*

How do we provoke our children?

1. Uncontrolled anger
2. Unkindness to your wife
3. Abandonment, physically or emotionally
4. Excessive criticism
5. Withholding affection and affirmation
6. Unfairness and favoritism
7. Arbitrariness
8. Unreasonable demands and expectations

B. Bring them up in the Lord.

...but bring them up ...

cf. Proverbs 22:6; Mark 10:13-16; Hebrews 12:5-11

1. Through discipline

... in the discipline...

cf. Proverbs 13:24; 18:18-21; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15

2. Through admonition

...and instruction of the Lord.

cf. Deuteronomy 6:1-9; II Timothy 1:5; 3:14, 15

75% of American youth profess to be Christians.
3% can articulate a basic Christian worldview.

How can we best train the next generation?

1. Set a godly example.
2. Establish family worship.
3. Have meaningful conversations.
4. Respect kids' boundaries and abilities.
5. Establish and maintain a Christ-centered framework for the family.
6. Insist on church, SS, youth group.
7. Enter kids' lives regularly.
8. Ask for and grant forgiveness continually.