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# Parents & Children

*- What we owe each other -*

# What the Parents Owe the Children

## Psalm 127

### Introduction

1. Children are always considered a gift in Scripture — Psalm 127
2. The first commandment being obeyed: “be fruitful & multiply”-Gen. 1:28
3. We should gladly be spent for our children - 2 Cor. 12:14-15

### What are we spending for our children? What do we owe them?

What we think we owe them:

1. A good education, a big inheritance
2. Possessions: new phone, car, video games, toys
3. Baseball lessons, violin lessons, fill in the blank!

### These are all physical! But this is what we really owe them:

#### 1. Time

1. Quantity vs Quality Time — Col. 4:5-6; Psalm 90:12
2. Spiritual Time — Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:4-7
  - “Bring them up” = “nourish” (like in 5:29)
  - “Training” = “discipline”
  - “Instruction” = “calling attention to”

**There is only one way to see what the opposition for our kids is: spend time with them!**



#### 2. Discipline

The Goal: discipline like God – Heb. 12:5-11

1. Godly discipline comes from a place of love (vs 6a)
2. Godly discipline is punishment (vs 6b)
3. Godly discipline should result in respect (vs 9)
4. Godly discipline is short-lived & case-by-case (vs 10)
5. Godly discipline yields peaceful fruit of righteousness (vs 11)

#### 3. A Kingdom Focused Upbringing

Ask yourself: what is my kid focused on?

- We don't just want “good” kids, we want “kingdom” kids! (1 Sam. 1:26-28)

### How to teach your kids to have a kingdom focus:

1. Teach them to love & serve others (Phil. 2:3-4)
2. Teach them honesty & integrity (Prov. 6:17, 19)
3. Teach them responsibility & how to care for themselves (2 Thess. 3:10-13)

**Ask yourself: what am I focused on? Be the parent!**

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## Ephesians 6:1-3

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1. Be thankful that God gave you this life — Psalm 139:13-14
2. Be thankful that your parents followed God's command — Gen. 1:28
3. Understand submission — Eph. 5:21; Heb. 13:17



### What Do I Owe My Parents?

#### 1) Obedience — Eph. 6:1

1. Obey because it is right and a command!
  - It is the “right” and natural order of things.
- ✓ This is why parents give warnings (Pro. 1:10; 3:1-4; 4:1-9, 14; ch. 5, 7; 6:1-5)
- ✓ They have more experience than me.
  - Disobeying parents = disobeying God
2. Obedience Listens — James 1:19; Prov. 17:10
3. Obedience Learns — Prov. 12:1; 15:5, 12, 32

#### 2) Honor & Respect — Eph. 6:2-3

1. This is one of the 10 commandments — Exo. 20:12
2. It has a promise attached to it long life! (Both physical & spiritual)
3. This is emphasized by Jesus — Mark 7:8-13

### Applications:

1. Show honor in the way you take care of them — Mark 7:8-13; 1 Tim. 5:4-8
2. Show honor in the way you talk to them — James 3:1-12; 1 Tim. 5:1
  - Drop the attitude!
  - Stop complaining – Phil. 2:14; 1 Cor. 10:10

### 3) Love

#### 1. Understand: Your parents love you.

- This is how we know God loves us — John 3:16
- Important to remember this when being disciplined — Heb. 12:6; Prov. 3:11-12

#### 2. So love your parents. How?

- In the way you serve them — Phil. 2:3-4
- Tell them you love them and are blessed to have them- Prov. 31:28
- In the way you treat them — 1 Cor. 13

**The way you treat and view  
your parents is often an  
indication of how you will  
or do treat God!**

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