

**Sermon Title: *“A Word to Children”***

**Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20**

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**INTRODUCTION**

***“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John 4)***

***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.’” (Ephesians 6:1-3)***

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**I. A CHILD THAT HONORS GOD**

**1) God - We were created BY God and FOR God.**

***“For by Him [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)***

***“I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.’” (Psalm 16:2)***

***“You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:11)***

**2) Good - God is good but SIN blinds us and tempts us to run from God.**

***“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:13)***

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)***

**3) Glory - Children bring glory to God when they honor and obey their parents.**

***“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.” (Colossians 1:28-29)***

**4) Obey - Obey ALL the way, RIGHT away, and with a THANKFUL heart.**

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* Delayed obedience is disobedience.
* Halfway obedience is disobedience.
* Sullen/Cold/Angry obedience is a type of obedience that grieves the heart of God.

**5) Honor - Honor speaks of that inward respect and attitude we should have.**

* You honor your parents with your kindness and affection.
* You honor your parents by asking good questions.
* You honor your parents by showing them grace and forgiveness when they blow it.
* You honor your parents by respecting consequences and discipline when they give it.
* You honor your parents by showing thanksgiving and appreciation for them.

**Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

1. Why is it such good news that God speaks to us in/through His word?
2. What should we see when we look at each other? Who are we? Why do we exist?
3. What has sin done to us when it comes to desiring what is truly good for us?
4. Why/How does it bring glory to God when children honor and obey their parents?
5. What excuses have you heard for why someone doesn’t have to honor/obey their parents?
6. What should be our motivation in honoring and obeying our parents?
7. What are some practical ways that you can honor your parents?

**Good Questions for Children to Ask their Parents…**

1. What have you been learning and studying lately?
2. How can I pray for you?
3. Are there things I can do to help you?
4. What one thing do I need to work on and/or grow in?