

Extreme Home Makeover!

The Hope of the Home

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)

1. A Great Responsibility!

A. A GUIDE to STIMULATE their Behavior Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV)

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (NKJV)

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV)

24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

B. A GOAL to MOTIVATE their Behavior Ephesians 6:1-2 (NKJV)

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

2 "*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise:

2. A Godly Requirement!

A. The PRIORITY of It Ephesians 6:2 (NKJV)

2 "*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise:

B. The PURPOSE for It Ephesians 6:1 (NKJV)

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

3. A Glorious Reward!

A. The QUALITY of Life you will ENJOY Ephesians 6:3a (NKJV)

3 "*that it may be well with you . . .*

B. The QUANTITY of Life you can EXPECT Ephesians 6:3b (NKJV)

3 "*. . . and you may live long on the earth.*"

D. L. Moody - "Children need to understand that to dishonor one's parents is to dishonor God. Any child who dishonors God by dishonoring their parents has signed their own personal death warrant. Their life will inevitably be cut short."

Jorie Kincaid - "We need to model a thirst for Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus may make our children long for a relationship with Him as well. If we model such an attractive relationship of our own with Christ, our children may be eager for one too."
(How to Raise Totally Awesome Kids, by Chuck Borsellino, page 48.)