

Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human

Part 23- A New View On Parenting

Ephesians 6:1-4- “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father & mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you & that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline & instruction of the Lord.”

Paul, as we’ve tried to mention every week, is in Ephesus
Dads went out to sleep w/ prostitutes & moms were valueless
Goes w/out saying that Paul had some cultural opposition

1. Major Influences In Our View On Parenting:

Our Tradition Shapes Parenting:

Our Parents Shape Our Parenting:

Our Culture Shapes Our Parenting:

2. Children Are To Honor Their Parents:

Exodus 20:12- “Honor your father & your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

We Honor Our Parents Because It’s Right:

We Honor Our Parents Because It’s Rewarded:

Honor Is More Important Than Obedience:

3. Parents Bring Children Up

Training:

Instruction:

Psalms 127:3-4- “Behold, children are a heritage (blessing) from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.”

REPONSE:

If you’re here & you feel like a failure...

If you’re here & you are a single parent...had horrible parents

Psalms 68:5-6- “Father of the fatherless & protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.”

Wondering How To Honor Parents Who Were Horrible?

How To Bring Up Children Well If You're Not:

Deuteronomy 6:4-7- "'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God w/ all your heart & w/ all your soul & w/ all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, & shall talk of them when you sit in your house, AND when you walk by the way, AND when you lie down, AND when you rise."