

EPHESIANS 6:1-4.

Walk in Subjection to One Another in Your Family.

SUBJECTION.

- ◆ Those who walk filled with the Spirit will walk in subjection to one another (Ephesians 5:21).
- ◆ Subject - to place or rank under.
 - ◆ Subjection does not assign personal worth or ability, only order and position.
- ◆ The motive for subjection - fear or reverence for Jesus Christ (i.e. because He asked you to).
- ◆ Jesus modeled (Luke 2:51, John 5:30, John 13) and taught (Matt. 18:1-4, 20:24-28) subjection.

THE PATTERN.

be subject	to one another	in the fear of Christ	5:21
wives...	husbands...	- as to the Lord. - in everything.	5:22 5:24
husbands...	wives...	- as Christ loved the church. - as their own bodies. - as himself.	5:25 5:25 5:33
children...	parents...	- for this is right.	6:1
fathers...	children...	- in discipline and instruction.	6:4
slaves...	masters...	- as to Christ. - as slaves of Christ. - as to the Lord.	6:5 6:6 6:7
masters...	slaves...	- as to your master in heaven.	6:9

CHILDREN.

- ◆ Notice that Paul writes to children, we must not forget that our children can live Spirit filled lives.
- ◆ Obey your parents - actions.
 - ◆ true obedience does not need a leash.
 - ◆ disobedience is the action of those who do not acknowledge God (Rom. 1:28-32, 2Tim. 3:1-5).
- ◆ Honor your father and mother - attitudes.
 - ◆ This is the motivation for obedience, and it is based on God given position, not worth.
 - ◆ No age limit (1 Timothy 5:3-4).

FATHERS.

- ◆ Fathers - the word for father here is sometimes translated parents (Hebrews 11:23).
- ◆ Do not provoke your children to anger:
 - ◆ Unreasonable demands.
 - ◆ Fault finding.
 - ◆ Neglect.
 - ◆ Overprotection.
 - ◆ Favoritism.
 - ◆ Lack of affection.
 - ◆ Excessive discipline.
 - ◆ Unrealistic goals.

FATHERS.

- ◆ Bring them up - nourish, provide for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- ◆ Discipline - systematic training of children that corrects, and molds character and action.
 - ◆ Also translated as train, correct, or chasten.
- ◆ Instruction - this deals with what you put in their mind, specifically the things of the Lord.
 - ◆ This responsibility must not be delegated to school, church or society, but instead teach them how to live godly lives in those places.

APPLICATION.

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8