

## How does Jesus change the home?

### How do I honor Christ as a child?

#### 1. Obey My Parents.

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1 (ESV)*

- The word for child means somebody who is under 20 years of age and is unmarried.
- An unmarried young adult in the home have limited sovereignty.
- Obedience of a child to their parents is akin to obedience of a child to God.
- Obedience of children to their parents is just plain right.

*“Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death. Exodus 21:15 (ESV)*

*“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death. Exodus 21:17 (ESV)*

*Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshipping idols... 1 Samuel 15:23 (NLT)*

*The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures. Proverbs 30:17 (ESV)*

*They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, Romans 1:29–30 (ESV)*

#### 2. Honor My Parents.

*“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 6:2–3 (ESV)*

### How do I honor my parents?

- Give them the respect they deserve.
- Make time for them.
- Remember holidays, birthdays and anniversaries.
- Do my best.
- Consider how my actions affect my family.

### What if I don’t think my parents deserve respect?

- God promises if I dishonor my parents it will lead to my demise.
- God promises if I dishonor my parents it will lead to my early death.

### How does this apply to adults with aging parents?

*For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.” Mark 7:10–13 (ESV)*

*But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8 (ESV)*

### How do I honor Christ as a parent?

#### 1. Don’t provoke my children to anger.

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,... Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)*

### How do parents provoke children to anger?

- Hyperprotectivity

- Favoritism
- Giving Identity Through Achievement
- Always pointing out flaws
- Physically present but emotionally absent
- Being a bore
- Public humiliation

## 2. The father is responsible to bring up his children to know the Lord.

*Fathers...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.  
Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)*

### Tips for dads — How do I teach my kids the Bible?

- Start when my kids are young.

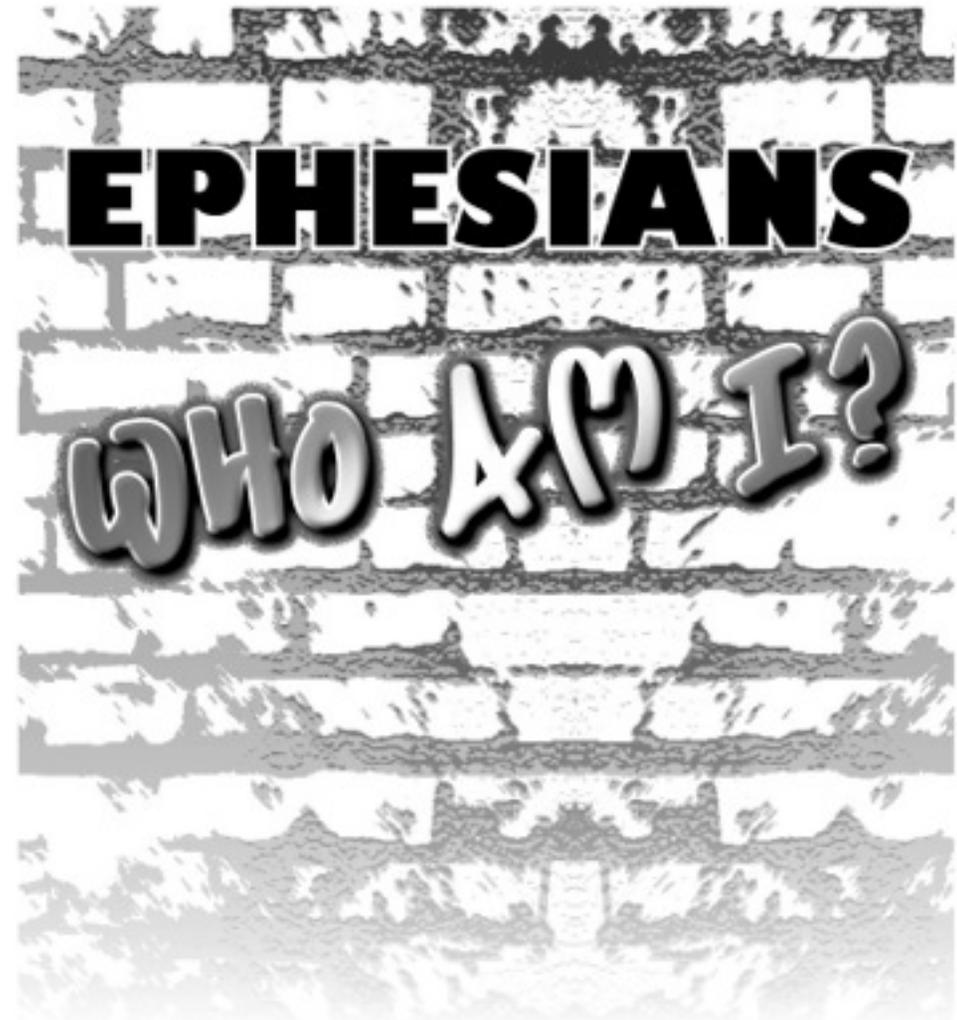
*and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)*

- Pray for my kids and with my kids.

- Read the Bible to my kids and make it fun!

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (ESV)*

- Use Bible story videos.
- Remember that more is caught than taught.



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