



## Which one is the Child Here?

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### CHILDREN

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment accompanied by a promise, namely, <sup>3</sup>“that it may go well with you and that you will live a long time on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3 NetBible

#### 1. Obey – do as you are told

#### WHY?

- this is right
- in the Lord
- commanded in His word
- promise: things will go well & you will live longer

#### 2. Honor – highly prize, revere, show respect for

### PARENTS

<sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but raise them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 NetBible

do not provoke – to rouse to wrath, make angry

<sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. Colossians 3:21 NAS

exasperate – to stir up, excite, stimulate (especially to anger)

- What creates those reactions in my child?
- What drives my child to anger?
- What am I doing to steer away from putting him/her in a place to become exasperated or discouraged?

raise – bring up

discipline – up-bringing, training, instruction

instruction – admonition, exhortation, warning

### WHAT PARENTS MUST REALIZE...

1) It is the parent’s responsibility to raise and train.

2) Such training happens in the context of real life.

<sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

#### 3) Leaving and Cleaving Principle

A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Young Married: it is not your parent’s job to look out for you.

Parents of Adult Children: it is not your job to raise your married children.

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### WHY FIREPROOF FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS?

for the Lord • in the Lord • because of the Lord

#### HOW?

Children: obey & honor

Parents: do not provoke but raise in Christ

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### LOVE DARE

Parents, ask your child: How do you think I can be more like Christ as your parent? Is there some problem or parasite in my life that I need to deal with?

Children, ask your parents: How do you think I can be more like Christ as your child? Is there some problem or parasite in my life that I need to deal with?