

EPHESIANS: BECOMING WHO WE ARE "God's Call on the Family"

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THE CHARGE TO CHILDREN

1. The Command

- + Obey them in the Lord
- + Honor & respect them

2. The <u>Cause</u>

- + Because it is <u>right</u>
- + Because God commands us to
- + Because in obeying your parents you are obeying God
- + Because there is a promise & prize

3. The <u>Call</u>

- + Understand them
- + \underline{Pray} for them
- + Love & trust them
- + Be <u>thankful</u> for them

THE CHARGE TO PARENTS

- 1. We must be committed to a solid foundation
- 2. We must be committed to raising them together

3. We must be committed to connecting with our children

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- + <u>Love</u> them: embrace, encourage & equip
- + Laugh with them
- + Learn with them

4. We Must Be Committed to Instill Godly Traits in Our Children

- + Instill correction
- + Instill <u>confidence</u> in your children
- + Instill <u>conviction</u> in your children
- + Instill character in your children
- + Instill <u>compassion</u> in your children
- + Instill <u>love</u> for the <u>church</u> in your children

Our Response:

- 1) What motivation, goals, and hopes do believers have when we care for our children? How are (should) those different from nonbelievers?
- 2) Why is it so important to set a Christlike example before your children? What difference will/can it make?
- 3) What is the most challenging part about being the parent you know God has called you to be? Identify one from the list or any other and make a plan to work on that this week.
- 4) Why is so hard sometimes to honor, respect and obey your parents? How can you work on that with your parents? What changes do you need to make?
- 5) How could you better understand your parents? Pray for them? Love and trust them? Be thankful for them? Identify some ways you can do that this week and do them!

All scripture is from the NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1995 version), unless otherwise noted.