

***“Children, Obey Your
Parents in the Lord”***

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Six Thoughts from Eph. 6:1-4

1. The word “obey” literally means to “listen under.” In other words, to obey well you first have to listen well.
2. When Paul says obey “your parents” he means, not that you shouldn’t obey other adults as well, but that you should obey your parents in a special way.

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3. Paul says you ought to obey your parents “in the Lord.” This means...
 - a. You are to obey them unless what they says is forbidden by the Lord.
 - b. You must have the Lord’s help to obey your parents. Without him you cannot do it.

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4. Paul says that it's "right" or "righteous" to obey your parents. Colossians 3:20 helps us understand what this means: "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

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5. In verses 2-3 Paul quotes the fifth commandment to show just how important it is.
6. Verse 3 is written to a whole people, and not necessarily to every particular person. Therefore it means that as a people it would go well with them and they would live long in the land.

Four Things to Remember:

1. To obey is to listen and do all that's asked of you with a good attitude;
2. You are commanded by God to obey both your dad and mom equally;
3. You need the Lord's help so believe in him and ask for his help;
4. When you obey your parents you make God smile, so make him smile a lot!