

Introduction

1. A home is a home without children
 - a. However, God wants His human creation to, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth” ([Gen. 1:28](#) NKJV)
 - b. These same commands were repeated to Noah and his sons after the flood ([Gen. 9:1](#))
 - c. The multiplication of humankind will introduce children into the home which are a heritage from the LORD and a reward ([Ps. 127:3-5](#))
2. Once children are introduced into the home roles are added
 - a. A husband is now tasked with the role of father
 - b. A wife is now tasked with the role of mother
 - c. Children also have responsibilities to their parents

I. Children Must Obey Their Parents (Eph. 6:1)

1. obey (*hypakouo* G5219) to *hear under* (as a subordinate), i.e. to *listen attentively*; by implication to *heed* or *conform* to a command or authority (Strong 73)
2. Obedience to our parents must be complete ([Col. 3:20](#))
3. Obedience to our parents is, “in the Lord” or “well pleasing [acceptable] to the Lord” ([Col. 3:20](#))
4. Obedience to our parents is right
5. Obedience to our parents is wise ([Pr. 23:22-26](#))

II. Children Must Honor Their Parents (Eph. 6:2)

1. Honor (*timao* G5091) to *have in honor*, to *revere*, *venerate* [to regard with reverential respect or with admiring deference] (Thayer 624)
2. To honor our father and mother goes back to the Ten Commandments ([Ex. 20:12](#); [Dt. 5:16](#))
3. Honoring our parents extends from childhood to adulthood

III. The Promise of Wellness and a Long Life (Eph. 6:3)

1. The obedience and honoring of our parents helps us to have a good life ([Pr. 3:1-8](#))

2. Cursing [the opposite of honoring] parents caused a child to be put to death under the Law of Moses ([Ex. 21:17](#))
3. Obeying and honoring our parents makes us right with God who promises His faithful children eternal life ([1 Jn. 5:11-13](#))

Conclusion

1. Just as the father and mother, children have a role in the home which must be revered
2. May we always obey and honor our Heavenly Father