

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

### The Book of Ephesians

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#### Conclusion



2. Describe the connection between parents disciplining their children and how that child will, most likely, turn out as an adult. How have you seen discipline used as a helpful, developmental tool for children?

3. Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21. How might parents provoke their children to wrath? In what way can parents irritate or discourage their kids?

4. Read Hebrews 12:6. How can a parent stay clear on the difference between disobedience and mistakes? When have you seen a child make an honest mistake and be disciplined for it?

5. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15. In what way do parents create a home environment wherein learning the Scriptures is a normal way of life? Describe someone you know who does this well.

### **Applying the Message**

1. As a parent, how are you doing? Is there a change that needs to be made in your home?

2. How might you make that change this week? What would be the first step you can take to foster the most God-honoring home possible?