



I. Three Principles of Parenting on Purpose (Eph. 6:1-4)

- A. The idea of Obeying (hupakuo = to act on what you hear)
 - i. Clear Communication
 - ii. Conscious listening
 - iii. Consistent consequences
 - iv. **The Principle:** Our children can obey only what they know.
- B. The idea of honoring (tima = to respect/prize/hold up as a standard)
 - i. This is God's idea first. (Ex. 20:12)
 - ii. This has a promise - God does this for our good.
 - iii. **The Principle:** Our children will honor the honorable.
- C. The idea of raising up (ektrepho = to nurture/feed over time)
 - i. Discipline is in relationship over time.
 - ii. Instruction is through spending time and discussion.
 - iii. **The Principle:** The Future is Now!

II. Two Parts of Boundaries (Eph. 6:4a)

- A. Establishing your boundaries
 - 1. Choose a reasonable number of age appropriate expectations to express.
 - 2. The positive vs. negative approach.
- B. Determine your consequences
 - 1. We desire to extinguish behaviors we don't want to continue.
 - 2. Allow natural consequences to follow their course.
 - 3. Design logical consequences to match the boundary.

III. Four Priorities for our Children's Destiny

- A. Responsibility
- B. Self-control
- C. Autonomy
- D. Christlike Character