

“CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD”
EPHESIANS 6:1-4
JANUARY 18, 2009

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Pastor Charlie said that to obey your parents you must do three things: do you remember what those three things are? It's okay if you don't but try to remember that they are listening well, doing all that your told, and doing it with a good attitude.
2. Paul says that you're to obey "your parents." This doesn't mean that you shouldn't obey other adults as well, but it does mean that you should obey your parents in a special way. Why do you think God wants you to obey your parents in a special way?
3. Children & teenagers, do you have a hard time obeying your mom in the same way as your dad? Or do you have a hard time obeying your dad in the same way as your mom? Do you see that God has commanded you to obey them both as equals? Do you see that when you disrespect one of them you disrespect God?
4. Paul says that you're to obey your parents "in the Lord." What do you think this means? Pastor Charlie said it means that you must obey your parents unless they command you to do something that's against the Lord. And also it means that in order to obey your parents you need the Lord's help. You need Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Helper. Is Jesus these things for you?
5. Paul says in Colossians 3:20 that obeying your parents is pleasing to the Lord. Why do think this pleases the Lord? Now that you know how to make God smile don't you want to do that every day?
6. Paul quotes the fifth commandment in verse 2: why do you think he does that? Do you see that honoring your father and mother is the most important commandment, after honoring God? (See Exodus 20:1-17.
7. Discuss Ephesians 6:3 with your parents. What do you think this verse means? What does it mean for your life today? How about your life in ten or twenty years from now?
8. In the church bulleting this week, Pastor Charlie gave six reasons why it's good to obey your parents. Read those now and discuss each of them with your parents. Would you add any other reasons? (If you do add some, please share them with Pastor Charlie!)