



FAMILY ADMONITION

Adult Bible Study (Two Lessons)

Ephesians 6:1–9

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LESSON 1

"Order in the House: God's Design for Children & Parents"

Ephesians 6:1-4 | Malachi 2:15

God establishes order, honor, and spiritual responsibility within the family so that the home becomes a place where faith is formed and passed on.

Children: Obedience and Honor

Ephesians 6:1-3



"Children, obey your parents in the Lord" (v. 1)

- Obey (hupakouō) = listen attentively and respond
- Obedience is not merely cultural — it is "right" (dikaios) before God
- Jesus Himself modeled obedience (Luke 2:51)

"Honor your father and mother" (v. 2)

- Honor (timáō) = to value, respect, and treat as weighty
- Goes beyond outward obedience to inward attitude
- Applies to both parents, even in broken or blended homes

"The first commandment with promise" (v. 2-3)

- "That it may be well with you" — quality of life
- "You may live long on the earth" — longevity
- God ties family order to personal flourishing

Fathers: Nurture Without Provoking

Ephesians 6:4 | Colossians 3:21 | Malachi 2:15



"Provoke not your children to wrath"

- Don't parent in a way that crushes the spirit
- Avoid harshness, inconsistency, favoritism, or belittling
- Colossians 3:21: "Lest they become discouraged"

"Bring them up"

- Means to nourish, develop, cultivate
- Fathers are not distant disciplinarians
— they are spiritual cultivators

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"In the nurture and admonition of the Lord"

- Nurture → training, discipline, structure
- Admonition → instruction, correction, guidance
- Parents shape the spiritual worldview of their children

Connection to Malachi 2:15

- God made husband and wife one for a purpose:
"To produce children who are true to God"
- Parenting is a kingdom assignment,
not just a biological role

Discussion Questions

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1. What is the difference between obedience and honor?
2. How can adult children continue to honor their parents?
3. What are modern ways parents "provoke" children to anger?
4. How does Malachi 2:15 deepen our understanding of parenting?

Application for Today

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- Children (young or adult) must practice respect, gratitude, and humility.
- Parents must create an environment where children can grow spiritually.
- Families must resist cultural trends that undermine parental authority.
- The home must become a discipleship center, not just a living space.

Teacher's Summary

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Paul begins with the most foundational human relationship
— parent and child.

God's design for the home is rooted in
obedience, honor, nurture, and spiritual formation.

When families follow God's order, the home becomes a place
of blessing, stability, and generational faithfulness.