

*Sermon Notes*  
*Themes from Ephesians*  
“Children and Parents” Ephesians 6:1-3

I. Introduction.

- A. The greatest challenge.
- B. The Text – Ephesians 6:1-3

II. Exposition

- A. Verses 1-3 hark back to Ephesians 5:21.
  - 1. William Barclay.
- B. Key words and thoughts.
  - 1. Children – Greek indicates a reference to not only young people, but also older children being at home and dependent upon their parents.
  - 2. Obedience – Greek means “to hear under.”
  - 3. Two fold premise.
    - Children must obey and parents must enforce, (vs. 4).

- a. John Stott.

Exodus 21:15,17; Lev. 20:9; Deut. 21:18-21

4. Honor

- a. Difficult when parent is unbeliever, addict or generally disobedient to the Lord.
- b. James Boice.
- c. Pastor Don’s dad.

5. Wisdom literature

- a. Proverbs 1:8; 3:1; 4:1-4; 7:1-3
- b. “Apple of eye.”
- c. John MacArthur.

6. The Promise

- a. “That it may be well with you.”
- b. Negative and positive consequences.
- c. What about marriage?

III. Point for Reflection

- A. Sons and daughters – honor your mother and father.