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Eph. 6:1-4

NEW NORMAL CHILDREN (1-3)

- “*obey*” (to hear under)
 - “*in the Lord*” – as to the Lord
 - “*for this is right*” (correct, just, as it should be)
- “*honor*” (to hold high) to give a special place of esteem and respect

NEW NORMAL PARENTS (6:4)

“Fathers (parents) do not provoke your children to anger”

“provoke” – A repeated ongoing pattern of treatment that gradually builds up a deep-seated anger and resentment that boils over into outward hostility

- Unrealistic expectations
- Favoritism
- Constant criticism
- Conditional love
- Hypocrisy
- Leniency
- Neglect and abuse

5 evidences of rebellion

- **Bitterness** – resentment toward life
- **Stubbornness** – unwilling to share feelings
- **Unteachableness** – refusal to listen and take advice
- **Undisciplined life** – driven by selfish desires
- **Defiance** – openly defying rules

“Bring them up in the discipline. . .”

- **Praise** – immediate, specific, heartfelt
- **Punishment** – forgive an accident
instruct ignorance
punish rebellion
(firm, fair, consistent)

“Bring them up in the . . . instruction of the Lord.”

“discipline and instruction” – Word of God

- By living the truths of God’s Word
- By teaching the truths of God’s Word

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