

# Ephesians Series

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# The Father's Responsibility

## Ephesians 6:4



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



**Context:**

**Broad context of Ephesians**

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

**Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”**

**Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”**

**Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”**

**Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”**

**Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”**

**Context:**

**Near context of Ephesians**

**Three pairs of people who are in authority relationships.**

**wives – husbands,  
children – parents,  
servants – masters**

## **Key Principles that Inform Child Training:**

- a. God institutes spheres of authority within the creation.**
- b. At birth, parents are given the responsibility to train children to restrain their sin natures. This emphasizes the importance of obedience to authorities.**
- c. Without authority orientation, life can become quite chaotic and self-destructive.**
- d. The key is to teach humility which is learned through enforced humility.**
- e. Only through Scripture can we have a healthy view of authority and obedience.**

**God has instituted marriage and the family as the training ground to teach individual responsibility along with both positive and negative consequences for one's action.**

**3. Authority in the marriage**

**4. Authority in the home**

**5. Authority in the workplace**



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- a. You need to be able to talk it over with your wife and not get defensive. Listen to your wife who probably has a decent handle on the personality of each child.**
- b. Recognize that each child is different. What might work for one, won't work at all with another. What worked for you, might not work with them.**
- c. You must learn patience.**
- d. Each stage of training will be different but the stages following the age of 6 will be built on what was set between birth and 6.**



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**It comes to mean to provoke someone to anger, irritation or resentment.**

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**Eph. 6:4, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but raise them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” [NET]**

**Eph. 6:4, “Fathers, don’t stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” [HCSB]**

## **Context:**

**Deut. 6:1, “Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,**

**Deut. 6:2, “that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.**

**Deut. 6:3, “Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ”**

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**Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”**

**שָׁנַן-2 *shanan*-2 piel perf 2 masc sing**

**HALOT • “to repeat” “to speak, or to recite again and again” Deut. 6:7. [1] to teach diligently**

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**Deut. 11:19, “You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”**



**Deut. 6:8**, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”

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**Deut. 11:21, “that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.**

**Deut. 11:22, “For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—**

**Deut. 11:23, “then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.”**

# Guidance for Parents



**1. Fathers (and mothers) need to prioritize their own spiritual life. What your children witness and observe in you will speak as loud or louder than anything you say.**

**2. Before the child (or children) are born, parents should think through how they will do things, priorities, how they will approach the training of the children.**

**3. Discipline, including corporal discipline, should be understood and thought through. It isn't optional, but necessary.**

**Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘*My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*”**

**Heb. 12:6, “ ‘*For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.*’**

**Heb. 12:7, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”**

**Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”**

**Discipline teaches the reality of consequences.**

**Discipline is not limited to the negative, but also involves the positives. Both rewards and punishment teach the values.**

**Punishments should never be in anger, but calmly explained.**



**The Word of God should clearly be seen in a positive sense as the guide and direction of the home.**

**Read it out loud from birth. Read in an adult translation.**

**Play music that teaches Scripture verses for memory.**

**Make memorization a fun game for the whole family.**

**Use adult words, not childish words. This teaches vocabulary to children and helps format their minds for later development.**

**Always keep a focus on the Lord.**

**When the family faces challenges, gather in family prayer. Teach by example the importance of prayer and claiming promises in difficult times as well as good times.**

**Never forget: you are not your children's friend; you are the parent, the trainer, the adult who is focused on preparing your children to be successful as adults and teaching the spiritual skills so they can face the adversities in life.**

**Prov. 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”**