
God's Plan for the Family: Children
Colossians 3:20 (ESV)

"²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20

"¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Ephesians 6:1-3 >> quoted from Exodus 20:12

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- 1) The mandate: "Obey your parents"
- 2) The measure: "...in everything"
- 3) The motive: "...for this pleases the Lord"
- 4) The promise: "...that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

There may be a time to disobey respectfully

⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law... 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple... Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." (Luke 12:51-53; 14:26; Acts 5:29)