

# *Placing a Priority on Family*



*Ephesians 6:1-4*

*Series: Faith for the New Year*

*Warren Wiersbe writes,*



- **"It seems no matter where we look in modern society, we see antagonism, division, and rebellion. Husbands and wives are divorcing each other; children are rebelling against their parents, ... We have tried education, legislation, and every other approach, but nothing seems to work. Paul's solution to antagonisms in the home and in society was **REGENERATION**, a new heart from God and a new submission to Christ and to one another.**

## *Ephesians 6:1-4* (HCSB)



1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right.

2 Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—

3 that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land.

4 And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

# 1. Instructions Children



## a. Children are to Obey Their Parents

*1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right.*

First, children are to obey their parents because in doing so they are obeying the Lord.

Second, children are to obey their parents because it is the right thing to do.

# *1. Instructions Children*



b. Children are to Honor Their Parents

2 Honor your father and mother—

"Honor" is a more inclusive term than "obey." Obedience is the action and "honor" is the attitude behind the action.

## *2. Instructions Parents*



- Parents are not to Frustrate their Children
- 4 And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children
- Parents are to Nourish Their Children
- 4...but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord

# *Placing Priorities*



- Pro.22:6 says it best, **"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."**
- Families are to be the source of training