



**OBEY, BRING THEM UP**  
**EPHESIANS 6:1-4**

GOOD NEWS  
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- Our *wisdom* is evidenced by being discerning and smart



Children will become influencers in the next generation, and so the success of that generation will come from the impact of mom and dad.



One of the most powerful ways we can shape this world for Jesus is by discipling our children.



Paul's instruction about children is for everyone!



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Here's my point by looking at *verses 1-3*: Paul is raising the bar and showing value, honor, and worth to the children of our churches.



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“Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”  
*(Matthew 19:14)*



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- We do what is right when we listen with attentiveness and respond positively to what is heard.



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“SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.”

*(Ephesians 5:3)*



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Our obedience leads to better things.



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2. Proper Intentions (*Verse 4*)



## **2. PROPER INTENTIONS (*VERSE 4*)**

Paul uses a Greek word for “father” that usually refers to male parents, but it was sometimes used of parents in general.





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“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.”

*(Proverbs 1:8)*



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The root meaning of the phrase, “bring them up” is more closely connected to this language of “nourishing” and “feeding”



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