

## **HOW ARE WE TO RAISE OUR KIDS IN CHRIST?**

### **COLOSSIANS 3:20-21 & Ephesians 6:1-4**

- I. THE CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY: Obey your parents in the Lord (Col. 3:20 & Eph. 6:1-3)**
  - A. A command for children:** "Children, obey your parents" (20a & Eph. 6:1-2)
  
  - B. Why obey? (20b)**
    - 1. This pleases God (20b)
    - 2. It is right (Eph. 6:1)
    - 3. It is dangerous, even deadly to disobey God (Eph 6:2-3)
  
- II. THE FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITY (Mothers should learn from this too!) (Col. 3:21 & Eph. 6:4)**
  - A. WHAT FATHERS ARE NOT TO DO: A Warning for Fathers (21 & Eph. 6:4a)**
    - 1. A command: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children" (21a)
  
    - 2. Why Obey? (21b & Eph 6:4b)
      - a) That your children may not be crushed and thus angered
  
      - b) Other biblical reasons
  
  - B. WHAT FATHERS ARE TO DO: Nourish them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4b)**
    - 1. Train them in the Lord (Eph. 6:4b, Pro. 1:8, 6:20)
  
    - 2. Admonish them in the Lord (6:4b)