

— Ephesians 6.1-4 —
Raising God's Children 4

The Early Game—Laying the Foundation

Ephesians 6.1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

* What is happening in the Early Game?

* What should be your focus in the early years?

* What is the theme of the Early Game?

* What is obedience "in the Lord"?
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* How do we see Solomon employing this in Proverbs?

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* What is God's own way of teaching your children to trust and obey Him, and what assumption is it based on?

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* How do you know when your children are trusting you? What key principle is this based on?

* What does it look like when a child has been trained up in God's admonition and discipline?

* What is the doorway to God's blessing for children?

* What kind of trust and obedience did Jesus expect from his disciples, and how do we see him developing them?