

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Children and Parents (Part 2)

Ephesians 6:1-4

February 14, 2021

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Ephesians 6:1</b> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” [4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.</p> <p><b>Titus 2:11</b> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.</p>	<p><b><i>Parents are called to encourage the spiritual growth of their children.</i></b></p> <p>I. Recognize and Resist discouraging parental practices (4a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Unreasonableness</li><li>- Fault finding</li><li>- Inconsistency</li><li>- Playing favorites</li><li>- Harshness</li><li>- Comparing to others</li><li>- Failure to express approval and love</li><li>- Overprotection</li><li>- Neglect or withdrawal</li></ul> <p>II. Engage and Encourage your children’s spiritual growth (4b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bring them up (raise/guide/shepherd)</li><li>- In the discipline of the Lord</li><li>- In the instruction of the Lord</li></ul>
<p><b>**Deuteronomy 6:4</b> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. [7] You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. [8] You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.</p>	<p><b><i>The most important component of our children’s spiritual growth is their security in the finished work of Christ. Our main parenting goal is for our children to know, rest in, and follow Christ. Every other aspect of their life flows from their identity in Christ.</i></b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2021-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <p>[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,</p> <p>[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.</p> <p>[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.</p> <p>[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,</p> <p>[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,</p> <p>[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss what Pastor Tony described as a sound mission/purpose statement for parenting:  
*The most important component of our children's spiritual growth is their security in the finished work of Christ. Our main parenting goal is for our children to know, rest in, and follow Christ. Every other aspect of their life flows from their identity in Christ.*
2. What are the most common ways we provoke our children to anger (discouragement)? How might we safeguard against such practices?
3. How does knowing the grace of God in Christ "train" us for obedience? See Titus 2:11-14 (on front).
4. How do Ephesians 6:4 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (\*\*on front) relate, in practical terms?
5. Discuss this statement from Joel Belz-  
Ephesians 6.4  
**Education is never neutral.** *Most evangelical Christians continue to leave the primary task of teaching their children...to the secularist state.*  
**Secularism is never as neutral as it sounds.** *It is a high-octane religion of its own, imposed on Christians at their own expense. These high priests of ultimate American values, from Kindergarten through the great graduate programs of the state universities, tell us what is politically correct. They tell us what to believe about our origins, about what is wrong with the human condition, and how to make everything right again. Those are not merely educational concepts; they are the most profound of all religious issues.*

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: