

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise); That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1. Fathers, take care of your children

a. Negative of caring for children

- i. Children develop many kinds of reactions to parents abusing, or neglecting them
 - Anger produced strong feelings in a child
 - Even absent parent create a response in children
- ii. Differing parenting styles can create confusion or pain in children

b. Good strong relationships in parents provide strong foundation & boundaries for children

i. Nurture

- Gardening word
- Careful tending to a young plant

ii. Admonition is teaching

iii. Example of Moses (exodus 2:2-10,

Hebrews 11:23-24 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

iv. Example of Timothy

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2. Interview with families with children

a. Terrie Chappell's favorite woman of the Bible – Jochebed mother of Moses

i. Jochebad mentioned in Exodus

Exodus 6:20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

ii. Jochebed mentioned in Numbers

Numbers 26:59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.