

## 4.3.16 Primer

Colossians 3:17-19

### Hear the Good News:

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4 ESV)*

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Colossians 3:20-21 ESV)*

### The Point:

Raise your kids well, yes, but, ultimately, just keep pointing them to Jesus. He is the only one who can effectively change them - just like he's the only one who can effectively change you.

### Quote:

*"Your greatest contribution to the kingdom might not be something you do but someone you raise." - Andy Stanley*

### Embrace the Good News:

1. What was your big takeaway from Sunday's message?
2. Read Ephesians 6:1-4 and Colossians 3:20-21
3. According to this passage, what does raising kids teach us about God?
4. What does raising kids teach us about ourselves?
5. What is obedience? What is honor? What does it mean to provoke someone?
6. How is raising kids intrinsically connected to your discipleship and to theirs?

### Live the Good News:

1. How does this passage impact the way that you live out the Good News in your home and in your relationships with friends and family?
  - a. Parents: How can you model these truths to your kids and help them to understand these complex concepts?

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2. How does it impact the way that you weave the thread of the gospel as you interact with your church family? In our local community? To the ends of the earth?