

# Jesus Matters

## ***Jesus Matters: In Our Families*** **Ephesians 6:1-4**

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Perhaps there is nowhere Jesus is needed more than in the family. He is the one rock-solid foundation on which successful families must be built. Building our families on Him must be intentional (Mt. 7:24-27).

Sadly, many today are building their families on foundations of sand. The storms of life blow in, homes crumble and fall, and the nation suffers. A strong and secure society requires strong families.

In today's study, God gives some very plain but powerful instructions for building a successful family.

### **LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .**

➔ *To build a successful family you must fully embrace the fact that Jesus matters.*

#### **1. Parents are to be genuinely respected (v. 1-3).**

- It is right to obey your parents (v. 1).
- It is rewarding to honor your parents (v. 2-3).

Col. 3:20; Ex. 20:12; Pr. 6:20-22

#### **2. Parents have a great responsibility (v. 4).**

- Do not provoke your children to anger (v. 4a).
- Diligently provide spiritual training (v. 4b).

Col. 3:21; Dt. 6:4-9; 2 Tm. 3:15; Heb. 10:24-25; Pr. 22:6; 3 Jn. 4

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .**

- ✓ *As a child, do you honor and obey your parents?*
- ✓ *As a parent, do you lead your children in the ways of God?*
- ✓ *As a family, are you putting Christ first in all you do?*