

Text: Ephesians 5:33—6:4  
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# Go Dads!

## *Instructions from God on Being a Great Dad*

5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.  
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 a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."  
4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (NIV)

### 1. The Best Things a Dad Can Do for His Kids (5:33—6:3)

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. The Best Things a Dad Can Do to His Kids (6:4)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Them

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Them

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Them

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.*

1. What is something new that you can do to improve your marriage?

What could you do *more* of to improve your marriage?

What could you do *less* of to improve your marriage?

2. Kids need role models that are committed to obedience no matter what the cost. Is there an area of your life in which you are struggling to be obedient? If so, what will you do to change this from an area of "struggle" to an area of complete obedience?
3. Kids also need models of people that do the right thing *with the right attitude*. Is there an area of your life where you are "*sitting on the outside but standing on the inside*"? What needs to be done to change this?
4. What are some of the core problems in a person that does not honor or show respect for authority figures?

There are always going to be people that hold positions of authority over us that we feel do not, by virtue of their lives, deserve our respect. What can we do to respect them in their position anyway?

5. Define respect.

Why do you think it is difficult for parents to respect their children? Why do you think it is important for parents who are committed to not exasperating their children?

6. How much do you pray for the kids in your life? What will you do to increase the time and energy given to this?