

LOVING COMMANDS FROM GOD CONCERNING HOW CHILDREN ARE TREATED FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

In the New Testament, the words “you, we, us, the church, brothers, sisters, brethren, Christians, everyone, others, neighbor, God’s holy people, His people, His children, sons of God, one body, each other” also include children and grandchildren, not just adults. Especially children and grandchildren. When reading the Bible, replace all these words with “children”, and see how God is commanding people to act and speak towards them.

You have seen some people treat children as “second-class citizens”, or something that is not really that important. The truth is that they are just important as any other person, and must be treated the same way that they themselves want to be treated. It is God’s Golden Rule, His command to people: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We are to teach the Word of God to children and make them disciples of Jesus. We must be good stewards of the children God has placed in our care as our disciples.

How people want and expect God to treat them is how they must treat children: kind, loving, with grace, forgiving, tender-hearted, humble... How they want another adult to treat them is how they must treat children. Children must not be treated with anger, resentment, bitterness, with harsh words... They will reap what is sown into their lives through the words and actions of adults. Children are the Body of Christ, just as much as any adult. Children are Christian brothers and sisters. Some commands from God are:

Ephesians 1:

God has purchased your children to be His own people.

Ask God to give your children all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that they might grow in the knowledge of God. They are your Christian brothers and sisters.

Pray that your children will realize what a rich and glorious inheritance He has given them, and that they will understand the incredible greatness of His power for them.

Children are His Body, the Church. They carry around the Presence of God.

Ephesians 2:

Children are seated with Him in the heavenly realms because they are one with Christ Jesus.

Children are God’s masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus so they can do the good things He planned for them.

Children belong to Christ Jesus. God has brought this Good News of peace to children.

Children are citizens of Heaven along with all of God’s Holy People.

Children are members of God’s Family; they are His House; they are a Holy Temple of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:

Children have an equal share in all the riches in Christ Jesus.

Children have endless treasures available to them in Christ. Tell them what they are.

Children can come fearlessly into God's Presence with confidence.

Pray that your children will understand how wide, deep, high, and long God's love really is.

By His mighty power at work within your children, He is able to do infinitely more than they would even ask or think. May children experience the love of Christ.

Ephesians 4:

Be humble and gentle with children.

Be patient with children, making allowances for their faults, just as God does with you.

Bind yourselves to your children with peace.

You and your children are all one body, and you have the same Spirit.

God has given each child gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip them to do His work.

God gave children the 5-fold ministry to help mature them into measuring up to the full stature of Christ. Give generously to children in need.

God wants children to become mature Christians so they will not believe cleverly told lies.

God wants children to become more and more in every way like Christ.

You must display your new nature to children, created to be like God. You must tell children the Truth.

Do not sin by letting anger at your children gain control over you. This gives a foothold to the devil.

Do not use abusive language to children.

Let everything you say to children be good and helpful.

Get rid of all rage, anger, harsh words, and malicious behavior towards children.

Be kind and tender hearted to children, forgiving them just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:

Follow God's example with regards to children. Treat them as you want God to treat you.

Live a life filled with love for your children.

Now you are full of light from the Lord, and your behavior towards children should show it.

Ephesians 6:

Don't make children angry or upset by the way you treat them.

Bring children up in the instruction of the Word of God.

Grace and Peace be to all children from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.