

A large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots covered in moss and lichen. The roots spread out across the forest floor, which is covered in pine needles and fallen leaves. The background is a dense forest of green trees and foliage.

# Ephesians

YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST





Proverbs 22:6

Ephesians 5:18, 6:4



A photograph of a forest scene. On the left, a large, textured tree trunk is visible. The background is filled with dense green foliage. A large, dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay covers the middle and right portions of the image. Centered within this overlay is the text "Parent your children well." in a white, sans-serif font.

Parent your children  
well.



# Parent *your* children well.

## 1. Lead them carefully! (4a)

Colossians 3:21, Titus 2:3-4





# Patria Potestas

“Power of a Father”



# **How can we embitter our children?**

1. Overly Harsh Discipline
2. Unrealistic Expectations
3. Favoritism
4. Lack of Affection
5. Neglect or Absence



# How can we embitter our children?

6. Unkind Words
7. Inconsistency
8. Not Listening
9. Over-Control
10. Hypocrisy



# Parent *your* children well.

1. Lead them carefully! (4a)

2. Bring them up intentionally!  
(4b)

Proverbs 1:8-9, 2 Timothy 3:16



# Parenting is tough!

1. Don't forget the power of FORGIVENESS!
2. Don't forget the power of GRACE!



A dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay is centered on a background of a forest. The background shows large, gnarled tree roots extending across the ground, with dense green foliage in the upper portion. The text is white and centered within the dark overlay.

Parent your children  
well.



# Your Challenge:

A Prayer:

"Holy Spirit, lead me and empower me to parent my children well. Give me the wisdom to lead them carefully and bring them up intentionally."

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“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

- John 10:10





Obedience:

Getting rid of anything that  
doesn't line up with my true  
identity.



# Getting it right:

Orthodoxy – right doctrine

Ephesians 1-3

Orthopraxy – right practice

Ephesians 4-6



ETERNAL

Unseen

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Seen

TEMPORAL



*“I am...”*

ETERNAL

Unseen

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Seen

TEMPORAL

*“I am becoming...”*