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- > Which Old Testament command, used to support verse 1, is quoted in verse 2? Honor your father and mother.
- > What blessing is given to those who obey this command (v. 3)? Things will go well and you will live long on the earth.
- > What is the goal of parenting (v. 4 – directed at fathers in particular)? To raise kids in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Application

- > From an understanding of God's plan for families, list reasons why young people are given the command to obey their parents: Parents have the responsibility to train their children so children must submit to that; there is a lot children can learn from their parents; children must obey out of obedience to God, etc.
- > Why can this command sometimes be difficult for young people to follow through on? Parents may be seen as being too strict; young people may feel that parents don't relate to or understand them; young people may simply just not like the rules, etc.
- > Do the answers from your previous question ever give young people the right not to obey? Explain? No (unless parents are encouraging sinful behavior), God has reasons for His commands.

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