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Sermon Title: "The Mission Field Called Family"

**Text: Ephesians 6:1-4** 

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**Big Idea:** A healthy home does NOT begin with more education, legislation, or indoctrination, but with a supernatural transformation by Christ in the hearts of parents and children.

## What is required to successfully serve on the mission field called family?

- 1) A successful family mission field requires <u>obedient children</u>. (Ephesians 6:1-3 / Mark 9:42 / 2 Timothy 3:1-2)
- 2) A successful family mission field requires <u>honorable parents</u>. (Ephesians 6:4 / Colossians 3:21 / Proverbs 29:17)

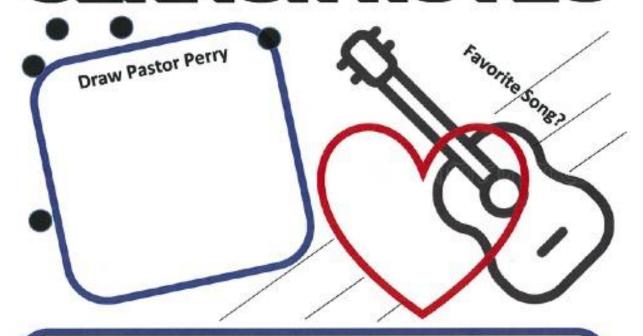
## Seven "Provoking Practices" parents should avoid:

- (1) Unreasonableness (2) Fault Finding (3) Inconsistency (4) Permissive Parenting
- (5) Overprotection (6) Favoritism (7) Selfishness
- Mission-minded parents choose to **bring up** their children, not merely **raise them**.
- A Godly family mission field includes:
  - o **Teaching** children about God
  - o **Entrusting** children to God

## **Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

- What have you experienced (or observed) to be the most rewarding aspect of parenting? The most challenging?
- The Bible links obedience to parents to obedience to God. What does that mean in everyday family life? What is the difference between obeying parents and honoring parents?
- There is often a fine line between "disciplining" a child and "discouraging" a child. How can we do the first without slipping into the second?
- What are the most practical ways to practice the need to teach our children and entrust them to God?
- How can we avoid "winning the rat-race" of life at the expense of our own children specifically, or the next generation, generally?

## SERMON NOTES



What I learned

