



### **RIGHT LIVING**

1) The right thing for children to do is to obey their parents within the context of the divine instruction and the sovereign rule of the Lord, 6:1.

### **HONORABLE LIVING**

2) Children give themselves the best opportunity possible to get the most from life when they honor their parents within the context of the divine instruction and the sovereign rule of the Lord, 6:2-3.

### **ABUNDANT LIVING**

3) Fathers give their children the best opportunity for abundant life when they acquiesce to the divine instruction and the sovereignty of the Lord for the training of their children, 6:4.

- Fathers must first note their propensity to exasperate, 6:4.
- Fathers must base the training of their children fully on the Lord, 6:4.



■ **Obey your parents - “in the Lord.”**

■ **Bring children up in the training - “of the Lord.”**

Obedience in the Lord is more than mere obedience. Training “of the Lord” is more than mere religious instruction. We honor God with a commitment to lean on, to live by, the words that he gives. This commitment flows from our deep reverence for a God who is high and lifted up. When we consult a different playbook for life, we step away from reverence. When we believe that we have a handle on things without truly consulting God, then we exalt our wisdom and our way above his. We don’t call it that. We may neither admit it nor identify it as such, but this is exactly the dynamic that occurs.

