



# Our Identity in Christ That Changes Everything

## Ephesians 6:1-4

### *Our Mission to Reach God's World*

*Tactic: Shining in Our Families*

#### 1) Children Shine by Honor (6:1-3)

- a. Obey because you know God and what He wants
  - i. *Definition:* Obedience means doing what your parents ask you to do right away and with a good attitude. (Phil. 2:14)
  - ii. Continues while you are unmarried or receiving financial support from your parents
- b. Honor because it brings God's blessing & protection
  - i. *Definition:* Honor means to willingly offer the appropriate respect, service or repayment.
    - 1. Continues until your parents die
    - 2. Requires taking full responsibility for your aging parents' physical & financial needs (Matt. 15:4-6, 1 Tim. 5:4-8)
    - 3. Ensures that you, your family, and your society remain under the blessing and protection of God (Deut. 4:40, 5:16)

#### 2) Fathers Shine by Thoughtfulness (6:4)

- a. Caring for our children's emotional needs
- b. Caring for our children's spiritual needs
  - i. Train them to have godly character
  - ii. Train them to be responsible
  - iii. Train them to obey