

CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF AUTHORITY

Citizens are to submit to the governing authorities. Christians are to obey the church leaders. Workers are to submit to their employers. Wives are to submit to their husbands. Children are to obey their parents.

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF RAISING GOOD CHILDREN, AND BY GOD'S MERCY, GODLY CHILDREN

III. CHILDREN

A. Those living at home, and dependent on their parents for their basic needs

B. Children are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3

C. What a privilege it is for parents to have children and be able to raise them. Parents are God's stewards, having temporary authority over their children.

D. Children are to obey their parents. Learning to obey their parents is the most important thing children can do. Parents need to see that teaching their children to obey them is the most important thing they can do for their children.

IV. TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO OBEY

A. Teaching a child to obey is a process, and it takes time and patience.

B. Start teaching your child when he or she is young. They can learn fast.

C. Keep it simple with your child - "*No touch, stop.*" Focus on one thing at a time.

D. The husband and wife need to be united in training their child.

E. The goal is complete obedience and continual obedience.

F. The goal is obedience in all areas. Colossians 3:20

G. It is the right thing for a child to obey his parents.

H. Not teaching your child to obey will be seen in other authority areas.

V. CHILDREN ARE TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS

- A. All children of all ages are to honor their parents.
- B. Honoring parents starts with the attitude of respect. It means being humble and valuing them and wanting to be a blessing to them, spiritually, relationally, physically and financially. 1 Timothy 5:3-8
- C. The Old Testament standard of honoring parents - Exodus 21:15, 17
- D. Those who honor their parents will be spiritually & physically blessed. Ephesians 6:3
- E. Those who honor and obey their parents are honoring and obeying God.

VI. THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN

- A. Parents are not to exasperate their children.
 - 1. Parents can be overly strict and demanding.
 - 2. Parents can favor one child, making the other child feel mad / or sad.
 - 3. Parents can do things to make their child feel unwanted.
 - 4. Parents can make their child feel like they need to be an adult.
 - 5. Parents can fail to compliment or encourage their children.
 - 6. Parents can physically or verbally abuse their children.
- B. Parents are to bring their children up in “*the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*”
 - 1. Parents are to train their children to have right attitudes.
 - 2. Parents are to teach their children to do what is right, and correct them when they do what is wrong.
 - 3. Parents are to teach their children about God, sin, Christ, salvation, church, etc.
 - 4. Parents are to teach their children how to conduct themselves with people, how to communicate, and how to be mannerly. Luke 2:40, 52
 - 5. Parents are to teach their children to be good workers and hard workers.
 - 6. Parents are to be good examples to their children. Genesis 18:19

HEAR, MY SON, YOUR FATHER’S INSTRUCTION AND
DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR MOTHER’S TEACHING.

Proverbs 1:8