

A Theology of Parenting

When Christ transforms a person, it radically transforms their family relationships

Colossians 3:20-21

Introduction:

20 Children, be **obedient** to your parents in all things, for this *is* well-pleasing to the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not **exasperate** your children, that they may not *lose heart*.

#1 Christ can transform rebellious kids into _____ children

1st – Identification; _____ is a Child?

20 Children, be obedient to your parents

1-A _____

Psalm 127:1 *Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it* **3** *Behold Children are a gift of the Lord the fruit of the womb is a reward.*

2-A _____ Challenge

Romans 5:12 *just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...*

Psalms 51:5 *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.*

Acts 16:14 *And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.*

2 Timothy 3:15 *...from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.*

2nd – Occupation; What does a child _____?

20 Children, be obedient to your parents

Acts 6:7 *a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.* **Romans 6:17** *though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart* **Ephesians 6:5** *Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters*

Ephesians 6:4 *And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

1- _____

Proverbs 22:15 *Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.*

Proverbs 13:24 *He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently* **Proverbs 23:13** *Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die. 14 You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his soul from Sheol.*

2- _____

Acts 20:31 *for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.* **1 Thessalonians 5:12** *... appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction*

Proverbs 29:15 *The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother*

3rd – Limitation; What is the _____ of a child's obedience?
20 Children, be obedient to your parents **in all things**,

Ephesians 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother ...

4th – Motivation; What is the _____ of a child's obedience

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#2 Christ can transform irritating dads, into _____ fathers

1st – A _____ of Fathers

21 **Fathers**, do not exasperate your children

Proverbs 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother; 10:1 ... A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother. 23:25 Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

2nd – A _____ of Fathers

21 **Fathers, do not exasperate your children**

1-Create a home _____ where the obedience of a child is delightful!

2-Avoid the negative _____ of provoking

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Commanding without explaining (manipulating)2. Criticizing without esteeming (degrading)3. Disciplining without comforting (retaliating)4. Hearing without listening (neglecting)5. Wronging without apologizing (self-exalting)6. Teaching without exemplifying (masquerading)7. Disciplining without dedication (misleading)8. Leading without loving (dominating) |
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- 9. OVERPROTECTION
- 10. FAVORITISM
- 11. DEPRECIATION
- 12. DISCOURAGEMENT
- 13. A LACK OF DEMONSTRATED AFFECTION
- 14. NOT PROVIDING NEEDS
- 15. A LACK OF STANDARDS
- 16. NEGLECT

3rd – A _____ of Fathers

21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, **that they may not lose heart**

1-Set only realistic _____ for them

Psalm 103:14 ... *He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.*

2-Give _____ praise for well doing

1 Corinthians 1:4 *I thank my God always concerning you...* **11:2** *Now I praise you because you remember me in everything*
1 Thessalonians 5:11 ...*encourage one another, and build up one another*

3-Speak only once, clearly; refuse to _____

Proverbs 21:19 *It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman*
Proverbs 27:15 *A constant dripping on a day of steady rain, And a contentious woman are alike;*

4-Show forth natural _____

Jeremiah 31:3 *I have loved you with an everlasting love*
Philippians 1:8 *For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

Luke 15:20 ...*while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him.*

Conclusion:

1st – _____ Christ with all your heart

2nd – Fully Function in the _____

3rd – Be _____ by Christ

Remember; your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- * **How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?**
- * **How can I accomplish this change?**
- * **What is the first step toward bringing about this change?**

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