

Children Who Please the Lord
Col. 3:20

- I. Children must grow up in a truth-rich environment.
 - A. They are viewed by Scripture as responsible to God and their parents.
 - B. It takes a home and a church to rear a child.
- II. The obedience of children to their parents is a part of their submission to Christ.
 - Parents are not to demand obedience from their children which will force them to be disobedient to God's commands.
- III. God uses a child's obedience to his parents to protect him from dangers.
 - A. A child's lack of discernment requires wise parents.
 - B. The protection a child receives is moral, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical.
- IV. Obedience is God's way of preparing children for adult life.
 - A. Obedience is necessary in order to learn respect for authority.
 - B. Obedience is necessary in order to learn the importance of regard for others.
- V. Disobedience to one's parents may be done for a variety of wrong reasons.
 - A. In defiance of authority
 - B. In order to get attention
 - C. Out of negligence

D. Because of failure of agreement of parents

E. Because one's parents are hypocrites

F. Because "I don't believe they mean what they say."

VI. Disobedience to one's parents is evidence that something is wrong in the heart.

A. The child is refusing to submit to God's authority.

B. The child is under the judgment of God (Rom. 1:20).

VII. Obedience to one's parents pleases God.

A. Children are to listen to and follow the instruction of their parents, not because their commands are always wise or right, but because of the Lord.

B. The way to show love for God is to obey one's parents.

