

“Children Obey Your Parents, in the LORD” Ephesians 6:1-3

Every person needs to learn to be _____ to (submissive to) others by following their lead and fulfilling their wishes. Romans 16:1, Eph. 5:21 _____ means to prefer others first, over _____. This is the secret of a good marriage, a healthy _____, a strong church, an exciting career, and a profitable business.

Four Reasons Why Children should obey their parents:

- 1.** Obeying your parents _____. As a Christian, your first desire is to _____ please GOD. “In the LORD,” means that you seek to obey your earthly parents, because this pleases GOD, and this is what _____ you to do, not because your parents are so perfect and _____. **V.1**
- A. As Christians we should love and honor our parents (at _____) – because this kind of obedience _____ our love and honor for GOD. (“in the fear of the LORD” Eph. 5:21) (“this is well and _____ to the LORD” Col.3:20)
- B. What if my parents are not Christians? Even if your parents are not Believers, you _____ love and respect, because GOD _____ you do. Plus, the change in your _____ toward your parents, might be the most powerful _____ they could have from anyone.
- C. What if my parents are _____? Or _____? Or both?
- D. At what age do I stop obeying? As a person grows into _____, your attitude should _____ (mature) from obeying your parents to _____ your parents, and fulfilling their wishes as _____ you can. You should honor and respect them _____.
- E. What if my parents ask me to do something wrong? (immoral or _____)
 1. Learn to _____ to them. (see the sermon on October 1, 2023)
 2. If you are an adult and your parents are older, you may need to set some _____ that will be necessary, so you can still serve and love them.
 3. _____ do wrong or evil just because anyone asks you.
- F. When it comes to your parents ... children (of all ages) do not:

1. _____ with them	2. _____ with them.
3. Make _____ for your bad behavior	3. _____ or whine
5. Have a bad attitude or _____	6. Be _____
- G. Disobedience to parents is _____ against GOD.
(and HE will _____ you for it. Hebrews 12:4-11)

- 2.** Obedience to parents is the _____ to do. **V.1 "for this is right"**
- A. The _____ is the author of chaos, anger, and division. John 10:10
 - B. IF the Devil can destroy the _____, he can destroy the _____.
 - C. Honor, respect, and obedience are the _____ of any culture.
Leviticus 19:32, Proverbs 20:29
 - D. If you never learn to honor and obey your parents, your _____ will never honor and obey you. Galatians 6:7-10 "What _____ around, _____ around."
- 3.** Obedience shows that you _____ your parents. **V.2**
- A. GOD gave each of us parents (often very imperfect and flawed) to give us the greatest opportunity to _____ the ways of GOD and to grow in character.
 - B. Parents are the very first _____ GOD gives anyone. To honor a parent means to regard that parent _____. GOD _____ us to do this. This is not based on whether or not they _____ it. Romans 13:7
 - C. Honoring your parents means to care for them, as long as they _____ you.
 - D. It also means to seek to give them honor by the way you live _____.
 - E. If a person does not learn to show honor and respect in their _____, the rest of their lives probably will be very difficult. This is because they never _____ the quality of deference; the principle of preferring others first, over themselves. _____ people never have good lives.
- 4.** Obedience brings _____ to you. **V.2-3 "with a promise"**
- A. "That it may go _____ with you." This does not mean that you will never have problems. But it means because GOD sees that you obey HIM, by obeying your parents ... HE will constantly work behind the _____ to give you _____ throughout your life. 2 Chronicles 16:9
 - B. "That you may enjoy _____ on the Earth."
 - 1. This does not mean that everyone that obeys their parents will live to be _____ of age.
 - 2. It does mean that GOD put your parents there to _____, protect, and shape you.
 - 3. They have a lot more wisdom and _____ than you do. HE will _____ to your parents on your behalf. If you listen to them, you will _____ much sin, danger, evil people, and poor _____ that could threaten and shorten your life.

