

## Go Deep

### *Colossians 3:20-21*

1. *“If every Christian home were a training school for his service, more spiritual growth would take place than could be accomplished through preaching”* (Andrew Murray). Do you agree that the home should be a training school for God’s service? What would it take for a family to become a training school? What would be required of the parents? What would be required of the children?
2. If we kept in mind that our children really belong to God and we are raising them for him, what difference would that make in the parent/child relationship?
3. *Read Colossians 3:20-21.* How do these verses match up with the American cultural view of family? What challenges might parents face if they do family God’s way instead of the American way?
4. *Read 3:20.* How might a parent make it difficult for their children to obey this command? Why is it important for children to obey “in everything”? How strict out a parent to be in this regard?
5. Notice that the child’s motive for obedience is “to please the Lord,” not to please the parent. What difference should that make in the parent/child relationship?
6. *Read Colossians 3:21.* Do fathers and mothers share the same role in parenting? Why does he single out fathers here?
7. What things embitter children? What discourages them? How can a parent demand obedience but not embitter their child? Where does the gospel come in?
8. What role do grandparents play in the Christian family?
9. What do parents need from our church to succeed in raising their kids for God?