

A Christian Home

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Colossians 3:20-21

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I. Children are to obey parents

- Who? - Children – offspring of most any age.
- Goal of parenting: to raise fully devoted followers of Christ who no longer need parenting because they walk with God (work yourself out of a job!)
- What? – obey in everything. Obviously what pleases God.
- Why? – parents may be flawed & sinful, but we obey not because they serve as God's agents put their for your good Eph 6:1-3
- This is counter-cultural, against our sin-nature.

II. Fathers (parents) not to provoke or discourage

- provoke – to stir up, not in a good way [2 Cor 9:2]
- discouraged – to be disheartened or broken in spirit

What? How not to provoke (exasperate)

Ways Parents Provoke Their Children - Lou Priolo, The Heart of Anger - Help for Prevention and Cure of Anger in Children

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| 1. Lack of marital harmony | 13. Comparing them to others. |
| 2. Establishing and maintaining a Child-centered home | 14. Not making time "just to talk" |
| 3. Modeling sinful anger | 15. Not praising or encouraging your child |
| 4. Habitually disciplining while angry | 16. Failing to keep your promises |
| 5. Scolding | 17. Chastening in front of others |
| 6. Being inconsistent with discipline | 18. Not allowing enough freedom |
| 7. Having double standards | 19. Allowing too much freedom |
| 8. Being legalistic | 20. Mocking your child |
| 9. Not admitting you are wrong and not asking for forgiveness | 21. Abusing them physically |
| 10. Constantly finding fault | 22. Ridiculing or name calling |
| 11. Parents reversing God-given roles | 23. Unrealistic expectations |
| 12. Not listening to your child's opinion or taking his or her "side of the story" seriously. | 24. Practicing favoritism |
| | 25. Child training with worldly methodologies inconsistent with God's Word. |

III. Parent model found in God's relating to you

A. God, Himself, is our model for relationship!

- Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-7
- How would your children describe you? Would it be "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"?

B. Take initiative to provide for relationship

- God initiates in difficult relationship – Rom 5:8 while we...
- Don't be distant & unapproachable
- Beware of 'quality time' in place of 'quantity time'

C. Balance love, grace & discipline

- Paul pictures God's character as model for our homes
- mom/dad relationship sets tone (primary) for children

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