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### *Children in submission to their Parents*



**W**ithin the church of God, children are given one direct command: **OBEY**. In the book of Ephesians 6:1-3,

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment*

*with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*

It is the duty of every child to be in obedience to their parent (s) for, according to God, **“this is RIGHT.”** Because of their lack of experience and knowledge, children must be instructed and taught **obedience** **“in all things”** (COL. 3:20).

This instruction will also teach children to obey those in authority such as school teachers, the laws of our land, and those who enforce them.

But most importantly, the child will learn to obey Almighty God who said **“...to obey is better than sacrifice”** (1 SAMUEL 15:22).

How shall a child “cleanse” his way? **“...by taking heed thereto according to [God’s] word”** (PSALM 119:9).

Children should **never** ask “Why?” when it comes to obedience. They should submit to their parents, and by doing so, they learn to submit to God:

*“...who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus”* (ROMANS 9:20-21)?

Children, **“...HEAR the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother”** (PROVERBS 1:8-9), and the **key word is, HEAR.**

#### WORDS TO REMEMBER...

- ◆ **Proverbs 29:15** “The rod **AND** reproof give wisdom: but a child **LEFT TO HIMSELF** bringeth his mother to shame.”
- ◆ **Proverbs 14:7** “Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest **NOT** in him the **LIPS** of knowledge.”
- ◆ **Proverbs 13:20** “He that **WALKETH** with wise men shall be wise: but a **companion of fools** shall be destroyed.”
- ◆ **Proverbs 16:6** “By **MERCY** and **TRUTH** iniquity [**SIN**] is **PURGED**: and **BY** the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.”

### *The responsibility of Parents to their Children*

Before parents begin building their household, they should have the **RIGHT** attitude about the Word of God and children:

*“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward”* (PSALM 127:3 & 128).

Before parents can **“TRAIN UP** a child in **THE WAY** he should go” (PROVERBS 22:6), they **MUST** be acquainted with that **“way.”**

God has made it very clear what that **“way”** is:

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments:** for this is the **whole duty of man.** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”* (ECCLES. 12:13-14).

When parents are **faithful** to teach this to their chil-

dren, God gives them a promise: **“...and when he is OLD, he will not depart from [THE WAY]”** (PROVERBS 22:6).

As for Fathers, they are commanded to **“...bring [THEIR CHILDREN] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”** (EPH. 6:4) and not provoke them to wrath.. If you love your children, you will train them to obey you, and God too.



*“He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes”*

(PROVERBS 13:24)