

Colossians – Chapter 3

“How to Teach Children the Blessings of Obedience”

Colossians 3:20-21

Verse 20

1. Here we have an admonition to children – “*obey your parents in all things...*”
2. We need to cross-reference this verse with Ephesians 6:1-3.
 - When you combine verses 1 and 2, here is what you have: kids are to obey their parents, and obey with a right _____. As parents, we cannot accept anything less than that. As parents, it is our job to set godly boundaries, and then insure that our children _____ in those boundaries. Why? “... *for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*” **Colossians 3:20**
3. What about when children disobey? It is the **parents’** job to bring godly discipline, so that the child _____ obedience. Ephesians 6:4
4. Parents, you cannot become permissive and allow your child to disobey without consequences. Why?
 - Because God is _____ when our children disobey – Colossians 3:20
 - Because we rob of our children of a _____ when we allow them to disobey – Ephesians 6:3
 - Because these patterns will _____ the child into adulthood – Proverbs 22:6, 29:15
5. In so many homes, the children _____ the home. The parents allow the kids to make them miserable. This isn’t God’s plan. Proverbs 29:17

Verse 21

1. Many times, we as parents can provoke our children to anger, and simply bring discouragement into their lives.

2. Many times, it is because our training is mostly negative. Our children are disciplined when they do wrong, but they receive very little _____ training and instruction from us.
- Kids need _____ and attention, and when we neglect them, we can anger and discourage them greatly.
3. Another way we can discourage our children is when we discipline them in the wrong way. This is so easy to do as a parent. Here are some godly guidelines when it comes to disciplining our children:
- **Never discipline with a revengeful _____.**
 - **Never discipline with a judgmental, mean _____.**
 - **Always discipline in _____.**
 - **Never lose _____ during times of discipline.**
 - **Discipline with each child may _____.**
 - Each child is unique and different. What works for one may not work for another.
 - Disciplining each child the _____ way is not what makes you a fair parent. Holding the same standards and values is what makes you fair.
4. Parents who maintain firm discipline while demonstrating genuine love, and also spend adequate amounts of time with their children, will usually have _____-adjusted children.