

SPIRIT-FILLED HOME: PARENTS & CHILDREN

Text: Eph. 6:1-4 *The last promise in the O.T.*

INTRO: SNAFU - situation normal all fouled Up.
Needed: a dependable standard of normalcy -- Eph 5,6
is God's standard...starts from the middle, the heart,
5:18, like a rock dropped into a pond, ripples
extend to outer edge.

I. WHAT CHILDREN OWE THEIR PARENTS God always
starts with those in submission and moves to those
in authority.

1. The Duty of Obedience Rom. 1:30; II Tim. 3:3;
Col. 3:20

OBEY: a readiness to hear and a quickness to obey...
Present Imperative, indicates a continuous act...make
a habit of obeying

OBEY: To hear as under authority...Different from word
used of wife's obedience. Wife's is voluntary, child's
isn't.

*1. Right
J-Redemptive*

~~XXXXXXXX~~ AUTHORITY DOESN'T ARGUE OR EXPLAIN. FORCE
NOT NEEDED, EXPLANATION NOT NEEDED. An explanation
is PURE GRACE...MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM TO BE SAVED,
and to obey God

~~XXXXXXXX~~ COMPLETE OBEDIENCE --"In all things" Col. 3:3
CHRIST-LIKE: "in the Lord" This makes obedience a
sacred act...Just as sacred and spiritual as witnessing

OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS IS (1) REDEPTIVE: easier to
be saved. Learn to submit. If children grow up
expecting AND GETTING a reasonable explanation for
every command, they'll not be able to trust God without
the same. Need to learn NOT TO QUESTION AUTHORITY.

Plays
Pls will Channelled thru Parents; Trust O to work thru P.
(2) RIGHT -- In and of itself, obedience to parents
is right, regardless of the character of parents.

"If you can't obey your parents, whom you have seen, how
can you obey God whom you haven't seen."

RULE: RENDER TO CAESAR'S...TO GOD'S --Salvation.

Getting married against parents wishes

2. The Disposition of Honor "First" in the sense of chief and primary in importance. Disposition, attitude is key here. YOU CAN OBEY WITHOUT HONORING, BUT CAN'T HONOR WITHOUT OBEYING.

~~RESPECT~~ RESPECT: Implies genuine deference to their wishes, respect for their judgment and TRUST in their LOVE.

PROMISE: They it may be WELL, and long life.

HONOR: They are always your parents.

II. WHAT THE PARENT OWES THE CHILD

Stated negatively and positively.

NOTE: addressed to Fathers; no slight to woman is intended but a reminder that Father is head of household and has a special responsibility. *exaggerated from wrong discipline*

GOD HOLDS FATHER ACCOUNTABLE FOR TRAINING OF CHILD!

1. PROPER DISPOSITION "Stop provoking..." Present imperative to halt an action already in progress.

COL. 3:21... "Lest they become discouraged." *JH Towell*

They React to Your Spirit — NO Temper: Rm Tr.
HOW? By making unreasonable demands; needless restrictions, punishment to severe, perpetual fault-finding. CAUSES CHILD TO LOSE HEART AND GIVE UP ANY HOPE OF EVER PLEASING PARENTS. BREAK THEIR WILL BUT NOT THEIR SPIRIT. *ask forgiveness*

Ill- Martin Luther would pray "OUR FATHER."
A wise parent seeks to make obedience easy.

Q why gave 10 Commandments

2. PROPER DISCIPLINE "Bring them up." A ministry. idea of developing character --escorting a child from infancy to maturity

"Of the Lord..." The LORD nurtures the Child through HIS PARENTS... GOD IS THE SOURCE, delegates His authority.

a ministry

from discipline under discipline

A child needs to know where he stands

Two ideas is discipline:

(1) **CONTROL:** Prov. 29:15;; Is the idea is of RESTRAINT, saying NO, refusing to INDULGE. God has no spoiled children, rebellious but not spoiled.

ELI: "His sons did evil in the sight of the Lord and he restrained them not."

PARENTS NOT RUNNING A POPULARITY CONTEST.

(2) **CORRECTION:** Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13,14.
Prov 22:15

a. Define LOVE and HATE.. To seek highest good of another... to hate to neglect that highest good.

b. Prov. 23:13,14--God has made up so we operate properly only when disciplined... AN UNCONSCIOUS DESIRE TO BE DISCIPLINED.

The Rod then Reproof

DISCIPLINE IS A TEENAGERS SECURITY BLANKET. Children who are allowed to always have their way feel no one loves them.

c. Prov. 29:15; 23:14--REDEMPTIVE DISCIPLINE. Father who doesn't demand obedience and discipline from child makes it harder for the child to be saved/

PARENTS: Your responsibility ~~xxx~~ is to EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GOD HAS GIVEN and leave the results to God.

3. PROPER DIRECTION. Father has lost this role-- needs to be restored

Admonition of the Lord. Father is PRIEST OF THE FAMILY

Deut. 6:6-9; 11:18-21

an inheritance of prayer