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Parents & Children: Encouragement & Obedience

1. Why is learning to obey parental requirements in the home a good preparation for life for a child? What is likely to happen to a young person who has never learned to respect and respond to authority?

 2. The requirement that children obey their parents “in everything” (v. 20) places what obligation on the parents?

 3. How can we, as parents, make it easier for our children to obey us with a joyful spirit?

 4. Give examples of ways parents embitter and discourage their children.

 5. Children don’t generally *create* problems as much as they *reveal* problems—problems in the parenting process. Discuss.

 6. How can parents keep a proper balance between discipline and encouragement in raising children?

 7. Reread the negative warning in Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4, then discuss positive ways parents can shape their children’s development.

 8. Why is it important to be sensitive to the personality of others and communicate with them based on who they are instead of who we are? Give examples.
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Monday

As a parent or a child, how can you maximize your blessings by heeding this week's lesson?

Tuesday

Are you a more permissive or legalistic parent? What can you do to bring more balance to your parenting?

Wednesday

If you are an older parent, would you be willing to share some of your obvious shortcomings in raising your own children, so younger parents will be benefited? How specifically can you do that?

Thursday

Are you sensitive to the personality of others? Do you try to communicate with them based on who they are more than who you are? How?

Friday

What Biblical attributes have you noticed in some parents? What carnal attributes have you noticed? What can you learn from both types of parents?

Saturday

Ask God for grace in whatever stage of life or parenting you're at right now.
