

**Series "Jesus Is First"**  
**"New Life In The Family"**  
**Colossians 3:20-21**  
**Part-14**

**Colossians 2:6-7**

**2 Timothy 3:1-2**

**Juvenile Delinquency Can Be Traced Back To Adult Delinquency!  
(Misbehavior)**

**If We Are Married, We Need To Make The Marriage Priority.**

**Children Are Gifts From The Lord.**

**Children Are On Loan From God.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** New Life In The Home Is Seen In Children Who Obey And Parents That Don't Enrage Their Children.

**1. Verse 20 – New Life For Children**

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Colossians 3:20

"Children, be obedient to your parents in all things," – Note the context of this passage is relationships. Colossians 3:18-4:1 – Paul left off with husbands and wives, Colossians 3:18-19.

"Children" – "offspring;" It is not limited to babies, or small children, it is simply offspring. Those that are dependent upon their parents.

"be obedient" – obey – we get our word "acoustics;" Two words, "Listen" and "under." "To hear," "with submission," to listen, to harken; of one who hears the knock at the door and comes to listen to who it is (the duty of a porter). It is hearing then doing!

**There are 3 truths revealed here:**

**1. Obedience Of The Children Is To Be Consistent:** Greek present tense: You are to always obey.

Ephesians 6: 1-3

**2. Obedience To Parents Means Father and Mother: "to your parents"**

"parents" – The husband/father is the leader in the direction for the family, but the mother must be in unity in the direction of the family.

**3. Obedience Is To Be In All Things: "in all things"**

"be obedient to your parents in all things," – The measure of the child's obedience is "all things" and the motive is to please the Lord.

Ephesians 6: 1 – "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

Luke 12:51-53

Luke 14:26

**The child who does not learn to obey his parents is not likely to grow up obeying any authority.**

**Why does he give this command to obey?** Because every one of us is born a rebel.

"for this is well-pleasing to the Lord." – The goal of life should be to glorify the Lord.

**3 reasons for it being right:**

- 1. Nature** – Offspring come from the parents. It is written in the heart, Romans 2: 14-15.
- 2. Law** – The law laid down by Moses stated to obey parents. It was Divine.

#5 Commandment, Exodus 20:12

Nehemiah 9:13

- 3. Gospel** – It is for the followers of God, those in the Lord. As a child of God, we are not only told by nature and Law, but also by our relationship to Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:28-32

No Long Standing Teenage Rebellion in O.T.: Deuteronomy 21:18-21.

Proverbs 30:17

## **2. Verse 21 – New Life For Parents:**

Colossians 3:21

“Fathers,” – could be translated either “Fathers” or “Parents.”

Ephesians 6:4 – “Fathers” can be interchanged with the word “Parents” as it is in Hebrews 11:23.

“do not exasperate your children” – means “to excite, to exasperate repeatedly, to seethe with resentment, to irritate.” The idea of “sap in a tree swelling on a hot day.”

A Roman’s father had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves; he could make them work in his fields, even in chains; he could take the law into his own hands.

What are some ways that a Father/Mother can provoke their children to anger? There are thousands of ways:

1. Not Complimenting Them
2. Nagging Them
3. Expecting Unrealistic Achievements
4. Talking Down To Them
5. Disciplining Out Of Anger
6. Mocking Your Children
7. Not Listening
8. Over-Protective
9. Overindulgence
10. Neglect

11. Over-Disciplining
12. Withholding Love
13. Favoritism
14. Not Keeping Promises
15. Tell Them They Are A Burden
16. Making Light Of Their Problems
17. Comparing Them To Others
18. Inconsistency
19. Abusing Them
20. Lecturing Them

“so that they will not lose heart.” – “to lose the heart, to lose spirit.” They will lose heart in attempting to please!

### **Application: Ephesians 6:4**

- 1. Tenderness** – “but bring them up” – “to nourish up to maturity, to feed in friendliness, gentleness, tutoring, instructing where needed.”
- 2. Discipline** – “in the discipline” – “the whole training and education of children, the cultivation of the mind, morals, includes commands, admonitions reproof and disciplinary correction and punishment.”  
Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; Proverbs 23:13;  
Proverbs 29:15.
- 3. Instruction** – “and instruction of the Lord.” – Literally means “to place before the mind, to teach, to warn, to confront.” “of the Lord.” – The fathers place before their children God’s Word! Deuteronomy 6:4-9