

Colossians 3.20-21 – As For Me And My House, Part 3

Main Point: Children Obey Your Parents. Parents, specifically fathers, do not provoke your children. Grandparents, endure and contribute your godly wisdom.

Children Teens, Youth: (Verse 20)

1. The Object of the Command: Christian Children

- a. Not adults, but able to make a moral choice regarding the reasonable and sinless demands of parents
- b. Obedience and Honor (**Ex 20.12**)
- c. What about parents who are abusive or ungodly? Affection and Approval versus Honor
- d. Love Your Neighbor = Honor Your Parents
- e. God gives the Strength to Honor the Dishonorable
- f. Honor and Obedience is about the Heart Attitude

2. The Seriousness of the Command

- a. Obedience to Parents = Obedience to the Lord (**Rom 1.28-32; 1 Tim 3.1-7**)
- b. Disobedience Necessitates Repentance
- c. God Forgives Disobedient Children/Teens

3. The Beauty of the Command

- a. God is Pleased with Obedience to Parents
- b. You Please Who You Admire/Honor – Do you admire and honor God?
- c. Obedience to Parents = Christ is your All

Parents, Specifically Fathers: (Verse 21)

1. Do Not Drive Your Kids Toward Hopelessness

- a. Overprotection
- b. Favoritism
- c. Treated as Unworthy of Your Attention
- d. Lack of Affection
- e. Lack of Provision
- f. Lack of Standards
- g. Criticism

- h. Neglect
- i. Overdiscipline

2. Parenting Is A Calling From God

- a. Ephesians 6.4
- b. Proverbs 13.24, 22.6
- c. Bring Honor to God - To Love the Standard of God, not simply conform to the standard of God
- d. Goal of Fathers: Reflect Who God Is
- e. You may have failed, your father may of failed – God is good to cover all Sin in Christ

3. From Discouragement Toward Hope

- a. Hope in What? Hope in the Lord
- b. Happy in the Lord – Knowing Him
- c. Requires Discipleship in the Home
- d. Requires To Build Confidence in God, not Self

Grandparents:

1. Endure if You are Raising Your Grandchildren God is With You!

2. Give Godly Wisdom and Counsel to Your Families

3. With Unbelieving Children Who Deny Christian Living/Speaking

- a. Be Christian – You are who you are
- b. Be Faithful – You belong to Christ
- c. Look for ways to demonstrate Christlike words, Christlike love
- d. Look for ways to share the gospel without being preachy
- e. Tell your kids – You are who you are as a believer in Christ
- f. Suffer For Christ Well – 1 Peter 2.20b-21