

Marriage and Family Study
Heritage Christian Fellowship
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Obedience and Instruction
Part One

I. Introduction:

II. Obedience

A. What does obedience or obey, or to obey mean?

1. The word that is used in Eph.6:1 means *to hear under* with the idea of to give heed, to follow, to yield. Therefore children in their obedience are to give heed, follow and yield to the authority of their parents. It could even be rendered, to place oneself under the instruction of one who is in authority.

2. Pre-requisite to training to obedience.

a. The parents must be also hearing under.

b. The parents must know the objective will of God.

c. Guiding principles:

1. *De 6:4-7*

2. *Eph 6:1-4*

3. *ISa 15:22*

3. Hindrances to training to obedience.

a. **Fear of man.** The fear of criticism, rejection and false accusations of abuse with threats of legal action.

b. **Threatening/Repeating parent.** “The mother that first coaxes, then threatens, then bargains, then pretends to punish, then finally punishes a little is only making a bad situation worse.”

c. **Bribing Parent.** “Brining parents barter with their children in hopes of gaining obedience. They use bribes, threats, or even scare tactics to gain temporary control of their children’s behavior.”

d. **Negotiating in Conflict.** Many parents insist on the standard of complete obedience before a conflict but are willing to negotiate the line of compliance once in the heat of battle.

NOTE: Points b, c and d come from Growing Kids God’s Way by Gary & Anne Marie Ezzo

III. HOMEWORK;

Review the outline and compare your parenting style to it for the purpose of changing anything and everything that would hinder, diminish, or violate your responsibility of training your child in the “admonition and instruction of the Lord”. Be prepared to replace what is not Biblical to what is.