

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

I. Introduction:

Consistency

II. Guiding Scriptures:

1Co 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

- A. Steadfast
- B. Immovable
- C. Abounding in the work of the Lord
- D. Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord

III. Elements to consider in instruction.

- A. Do I know what it means to instruct according to?
 - 1. **Eph 6:4** *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*
 - 2. **Col 3:21** *Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*
- B. Am I following the instructions contained in these two passages of Scripture both positive and negative?
 - 1. Bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
 - 2. Do not provoke to wrath.
 - 2. Do not provoke, lest they become discouraged.
- C. In following Scriptural instruction am I avoiding and preventing?
 - 1. Wrath
 - 2. Discouragement
- D. Am I committed to being steadfast, immovable, and abounding in the work of the Lord?
- E. Am I avoiding the pitfalls of provocation?

IV. Instruction by encouragement.

A. **Heb 3:12-13** *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

Encouragement by:

1. Being proactive
2. Presenting the objective word of God to our children.
3. Providing a living example of what it means to live by the word of God
4. Preventing a life style of inconsistency by being:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

HOMEWORK:

1. Grade your commitment to consistency by reviewing your God ordained requirements against the pitfalls of unbiblical parenting that have been presented during the last three sessions.
2. How are you doing?
3. What are the greatest struggles you are experiencing in your parenting?
4. Make a list of what you need to do that would reflect:
 - a. consistency
 - b. steadfastness
 - c. immovableness
 - d. abounding in the work of the Lord
5. What are you waiting for?