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Children - Happy To Be Obedient

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Word **OBEDIENCE** no more popular word than **SUBMISSION** today.

Reason: Live in "Do your own thing" era. Prov. 21:2......


Pagan families, when converted to Christ, took on new attitudes and new relationships. * Col. 3:5-8.*


1. Teens or older: Mature & responsible. Able to understand, Comprehend, Respond to profound injunction.

**II. FOUR REASONS CHILDREN SHOULD OBEY THEIR PARENTS IN E.P. 6:1.**

A. **BECAUSE A CHILD OF GOD!**
   1. I Cor. 7:39. teaches Chr. widows to marry **ONLY** in the Lord. Means member of the church.
   OBEY because of your "position": in the Lord. Saved.

B. **BECAUSE CHRISTIANS "DO THE RIGHT THING."**
   1. Jesus set the example for children-teens doing right. Lk. 2:49-52.
   2. Although being the Son of God, Jesus was humble, unselfish, submissive & obedient to human parents.
   3. No young person can call himself a Christian today if he acts OTHER than in the SPIRIT Jesus did.
   Ill. Woody Lodon boys. "Do what daddy says" Trained in the Lord by an Elder-father, in the Lord. Mother; This family knows no other way to do things.........

C. **BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISE ATTACHED TO OBEDIENCE.**
   1. Goes back to Exodus 20:12. Great blessings to be theirs in CANAAN LAND.
   2. Here, H. S. ties obedience to personal benefits:
      NAME SOME!
3. Name some:
   a. Greater and earlier FREEDOM in life when based on parental respect & obedience.
   c. Beautiful and lasting memories of a truly Christian home. Worth more than gold.

   Ill. Boy wanted to be baptized, but knew his non-Chr. parents would object. Wanted to go ahead. Preacher desisted. Wanted their approval. Talked to mother. Later to father. "We will not disobey you while he under your roof." Father changed. Experience entirely pleasant one.

D. BECAUSE YOUR LIFE WILL BE LONGER ON THIS EARTH.

1. First, there is the QUALITY of one's life.
   Ill. Youth forums, etc.: What want in life?
      1st: Love of God. 2nd: Love of parents. Obey.......
      a. Suicide is 2nd greatest killer of teens. Why?
         Life is unhappy, miserable and bitter. Disobedience...
      b. Disobedient child less-likely to make smooth, warm and happy home of his own. Instead; divorce, bitterness, heartache and futility.

2. Second, there is the QUANTITY of one's life: Length.
   a. In OT an incorrigible child was stoned to death.
   b. Today an incorrigible takes his own life through car accidents, dope, foolish games and recklessness.

   Our greatest concern: JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. Maybe soon.
   THEREFORE: The sensible, mature-thinking, spiritually-minded young person is HAPPY to be obedient.

   BECAUSE: 1. He is a child of God...in the Lord.
            2. Children of God do what is right... & good.
            3. Christians want the abundant life (all may be well with thee.)
            4. Christians wish to live long as well as righteously & godly.

   THIS is why/ wise children are happy to OBEY.

INV: Is there a child... a young person... in this audience who is not a Christian?? WHAT is the better way???

John 20:30-31. Do you believe? Will you obey tonight???
Mark 16:15-16.
If unhappy with self, can ease your burden. I John 1:9.