

Formative Discipline (Part 3): Obedience

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

“I will always obey your instruction, forever and ever. 45 I will walk freely in an open place because I study your precepts” (Ps. 119:44–45).

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. 2 **Honor your father and mother**, which is the first commandment with a promise, 3 **so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land**” (Eph. 6:1–3; cf. Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2).

THE DEFINITION OF OBEDIENCE

1. **Obedience is the willing submission of one person to the authority of another.**
2. **For the child, obedience is more than just doing what he is told. It means doing what he is told . . .**
 - a. Without dispute, challenge, or excuse
 - b. Without delay
 - c. Without disgust, grumbling, or an attitude

“All the way, right away, with a happy heart.”

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TEACHING OBEDIENCE FROM THE PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

1. *A Call to Consistency*
2. *A Call to the Same Standard*
3. *A Call to Training*
4. *A Call to Encouragement*
5. *A Call to Discernment*
6. *A Call to Graciousness*

PARTING THOUGHTS

1. **We want our children to live under gracious, godly authority. This is a great service and blessing to them!**
2. **Two dangers to avoid:**
 - a. Legalistic
 - b. Licentious

PREPARATION FOR NEXT LESSON:

- Read "A Dual Responsibility" at ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/dual-responsibility
- Read "Why Parents Use the Rod of Correction" by Daryl Wingerd at bulletininserts.org/why-parents-use-the-rod-of-correction/

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