

Colossians 3:20-21

God's Role for Children and Parents

God's Role for Children (v. 20)

- The Mandate (v. 20a)

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God's Role for Parents (v. 21)

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Application of Colossians 3:20-21

1. How often should a child obey their parents?
Are there any biblical reasons for a child not to obey?
2. Children, are you obeying and honouring your parents? Do you need to repent of any specific situations for disobeying or dishonouring them with words or actions?
Note: obedient actions without a **heart or attitude** of obedience and honour is also not pleasing to the Lord and is a sin to confess to God.

3. What is to be the ultimate motivation for a child's obedience?
4. Parents, how well are you teaching your children to obey and honour you? Are you teaching this truth with Christ as the focus and motivation or simply demanding/expecting obedience?
5. What does the word "provoke" mean and what might some examples of provoking a child that leads them to discouragement look like?
6. Parents in what ways may you provoke your children that might lead them to be discouraged? Do you need to repent of any specific situations in which you sinned against them in this way? What are areas for growth in your own life that will lead you to love, care, guide, teach, and disciple them in a manner that is encouraging (not discouraging) for your children?
7. Study other passages that address the topic of the parent/child relationship to grow your understanding of this important and God-given relationship. Ask God for a biblical and honouring relationship between you and your children e.g. Ex 20:12; Deut 4:9; 5:16; 6:7; Prov 1:8; 6:20; 10:1; 23:22; Eph 6:1-4; Titus 2:4; Mark 7:10-13
8. Pray for the families in the church (and beyond) in light of the truths in this passage, recognizing no-one can function in their God-given role without God's grace, strength, and wisdom.

Reading this week: Read through Col 3:18-4:1

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>God's _____ for _____ and _____</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	1. _____ role for _____ (v. ____) - The M_____ (v. 20a) - The M_____ (v. 20b)	
<u>Verses</u>	2. _____ role for _____ (v. ____) - The M_____ (v. 21a) - The M_____ (v. 21b)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Child/Children	Obey/obedience	Parents/fathers	Paul	Role

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: