

## The Ministry of Submission

### Colossians 3:20-21

Intro: Submission is a \_\_\_\_\_ to yield or surrender to somebody, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of doing so. The antonym of submission is \_\_\_\_\_. Resistance means \_\_\_\_\_ to accept or comply with something; opposition to somebody or something. In the Scripture, God gives the \_\_\_\_\_ for Biblical submission, and believers are expected to comply and obey. Two weeks ago we looked at Colossians 3:18-19, submission of wives and husbands, and today we are going to look at 3:20-21.

#### I. Submission of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. Vs 20

- A. **Children**—Those children who still \_\_\_\_\_ at home, and/or rely upon the parents for their survival. \_\_\_\_\_ limit is not a factor, the independent state of the child financially is the determining factor in whether this applies to a child or not.
1. Obviously it would apply to under-aged children and those who are still attending school, grades K-12.
  2. It would also apply to older children, such as those in college yet still living at home and dependent upon their parents for \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. It would also apply to older children who are earning their own income yet are still living at home and drawing from the resources of the parents for their \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The distinguishing marks seem to be that the (1) child is \_\_\_\_\_ living at home and (2) is not able to survive \_\_\_\_\_ of the parents aiding them in some fashion.
- B. Children are to \_\_\_\_\_
1. **Obey**
    - a. To \_\_\_\_\_; to hearken to a \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. To obey, be obedient to, \_\_\_\_\_ to
    - c. The Greek word, is translated as the words "obey" 18x's, "be obedient to" 2x's, "hearken" 1x
  2. **Your parents in all things**
    - a. **All** \_\_\_\_\_, it is to be understood by the children that they are to obey Mom and Dad at all times and in every matter.
    - b. This does not come \_\_\_\_\_ for children, nor does it come naturally for parents to enforce.
    - c. It is the responsibility of the parents to \_\_\_\_\_ their children to obey **in all things**.
    - d. Through \_\_\_\_\_, correction and \_\_\_\_\_ children can learn to fulfill this passage, and in so doing they are glorifying God.
  3. **This is well pleasing unto the Lord**
    - a. Obedience by the parents and children in this matter make God \_\_\_\_\_ with the parents and children.
    - b. To not do so \_\_\_\_\_ blessings from God on the family
- C. Old Testament Scripture:
1. Deut 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.
  2. Prov 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
  3. Prov 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

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5. Prov 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.
  6. Prov 30:17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

D. **New Testament standard for obedience of children to the parents:**

1. Lu 2:51a And he (Jesus) went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: (Joseph and Mary, his earthly parents)
2. Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
  - a. This obedience is \_\_\_\_\_ as long as the child meets the criteria of I,A.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ lasts a lifetime. There is never a time when God allows for the child to dishonor the parents—whether the parents are "good or bad". ("Honor"—to place a high \_\_\_\_\_ on and respect the position.)

II. Submission of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 21** (Directed toward fathers but is applicable to both.)

A. **Provoke not your children to anger Vs 21a**

1. *An exhortation to fathers to manifest such a character that children could properly obey them. **Barnes NT Notes***
2. *He who corrects his children according to God and reason will feel every blow on his own heart more sensibly than his child feels it on his body. **Adam Clarke Commentary***
3. *In all things deal with them gently and tenderly. **Abbott's Illustrated NT***
4. *To provoke by unkindly and improperly finding fault with them, being difficult to please, or failing to commend and encourage them when they do well. **Family NT Notes***
5. *Paul allows not parents to do that which is in a direct tendency to irritate or move the passions of their children merely for their own pleasure, without a principal regard to God's glory, and their children's profit. **Matthew Poole Commentary***
6. **Scripture:**
  - a. Psalm 103:13 *Like as a father pitieth (has compassion on) his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*
  - b. Prov 3:12 *For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth (to be pleased with).*

B. **Lest they be discouraged Vs 21b**

1. *Lest some children, who might with a moderate hand be reduced to obedience, should be (as it were) dispirited, by the roughness of their father's discipline, and even pine away with grief or grow desperate. **Matthew Poole Commentary***
2. *By perpetual fault-finding "children" are "discouraged" or "disheartened." A broken-down spirit is fatal to youth. **Jamison Fausett Brown Commentary***
3. *Disheartened and dispirited; their spirits being broken through grief and trouble, and they become lazy, sluggish, and unfit for business; or, despairing of having any share in the affections of their parents, disregard their commands, instructions, and corrections, and grow unyielding, stubborn, and rebellious. **John Gill's Commentary***

Conclusion: It is not easy being an obedient child to \_\_\_\_\_ parents, neither it isn't easy being Biblical parents to \_\_\_\_\_ children, yet God requires obedience from both! It is not easy being a consistent, caring, loving, compassionate parent to imperfect children, especially when we see ourselves in their behavior. Yet God \_\_\_\_\_ consistency in our Biblical discipline. God requires that we be caring, loving, and compassionate as He is to us as our Father.