

Relating with a Submissive Heart – Part 2 (Colossians 3:20-21)

v. 20 – Command: *Children, _____ your parents*

- “Listen _____” their authority – **How?** In _____ things.
- **Why?** *It is _____ to the Lord*

Parallel Passage: **Eph. 6:1-3** – *Obey your parents in the _____*

- To please the Lord – a work of God’s _____ and _____
- According to the word of the Lord – *i.e.*, it is _____
- Based on the _____ command – _____ your parents (Ex. 20:12)
- *In _____ things; except to _____ God* ⇒ a respectful _____
- The importance of parents to teach and model the _____
The importance of the marriage being _____
- Jer. 35:6-19

v. 21 – Command: *Fathers, do not _____ your children*

- To _____ them, as in to irritate or _____
- **Why** *That they not _____* – be broken in _____
- **Eph. 6:4** – *do not provoke them to _____*

The Problem: Great _____ – **How** does this happen?

Application: Acknowledge my _____ and ask _____

Eph. 6:4 – *bring them up = _____ them to _____*

- **How?** *By the _____ and instruction of the _____*

Application: How does the Lord train and instruct His children?

- By the _____ of God and _____ of God (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:18)
- He _____ His children (Heb. 12:4-11)
- Uses _____ to illustrate _____ and consequences
- Uses everyday _____ to teach truth / character (Deut. 6:7)
- Guides us in His _____ and _____ for our lives (Ps. 127)

Summary: *Fathers, _____ your children*

Discussion Questions: Colossians 3:20-21

1. Can you identify illustrations in Scripture of how having the marriage relationship “right” (or wrong) is determinative of parent-child relationships?
2. What are the major struggles / frustrations / barriers you’ve faced in trying to obey the commands in Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4?

Discuss how each of those struggles / frustrations / barriers might be overcome.

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today’s message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?