

The Critical Point

In our day, we are seeing many families where the children order their parents around. This is a result of modern psychology, that comes from Carl Jung, a person who received these teaching from a demon (Jung called him Philemon). What children dislike are rules and what the father or mother “suggests” is not really important. I say “suggest” because most parents do not impose nor insist in anything, and **everything becomes a set of agreements or suggestions between parent and child**. The problem with this is that **God has established a principle of authority and has given this authority to the parents**, and the father or mother simply has this authority, even when the children are grown up, so **the parents still deserve respect and reverence from their children**.

If as a parent you do not demand respect and reverence from your child, then **YOU are disobeying God** and hurting your children in the process.

Matt 15:4 For God commanded, saying, **Honour thy father and mother**: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. **5** But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, **it is a gift**, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; **6** And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition **God is so serious on this point of respect that he imposed the death penalty for “kids” that did not honor their parents**. So God took this very seriously. Why? Because the principle behind all of this is that it is a principle that directly affects God. **God takes for himself the right to totally command in our lives, because God created us**, and the principle here is that **he who creates has rights of respect and reverence from that which is created**. Being our Creator (Rom 1:25; 1Pet 4:19) he who has formed us (Isa 43:1), and is our Maker (Isa 17:7), **so God takes authority over us because he is the one who brought us into this world** (Acts 3:15). So God demands that parents teach their children to respect those people who brought them into the

world, and while in a sense their parents did, ultimately, **God also brought them into the world**. **For a parent forgo teaching their children to honor their parents is to likewise not teach the child that he has to respect and reverence God his Creator. The parent's authority is a reflection of God's authority** over all of us. When a child disrespects his parents, he is in Satan's way; rejecting the authorities over him (God ultimately is in those authorities). (**Jude 1:8** Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.) **God “loans” us a child for a little time**, maybe 18 years, and in this time the parents have them, **the parents should teach them respect for their parents and Creator from a very early age so as to place the child in the way of God. The mission of the parents is to make the child walk in the way of God. When the parents will not correct their children** with a rod physically when needed (Prov. 23:13-14) especially when they are small, **then the child will not respect the authority**. Smaller children are easier than older ones. Physical punishment will pass in a little while, but **the character of the child learned at an early age will stay with him through his life**. With adults, physical pain really doesn't do much to change their character.

The Extremes of Bad Kids

Prov. 28:24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer. “Robbeth” means to break, grab, take, or deplete things BY FORCE. The picture here is that of a person who happens along the way and takes what he wants by force. It has **the idea of violence or force**. The idea refers to the very bad practice of skinning a person (removing their skin while they are yet alive) that was of Assyrian army fame. The idea is to break or take something from someone **by jerking it strongly, violently**, of course again against their will. The evil God condemns here is a situation **where the children are looting by force the possessions of their parents**, simply because the children want to do it. **It is correct that every**

parent provide and care for their children, but when these children begin to demand “*what is their right*” or a portion of the parents' possessions, then that is wickedness. **Prov. 19:26; Mat 15:4-6. They should always ask permission, and with respect**. This disrespect toward one's parents is what Eli's children did **1Samuel 2:22-25** (see later on in this tract).

The Son that Curses His Parent

Prov. 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Deut 21:18 **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 glutton¹, and a drunkard². **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. “Stubborn and rebellious” has the idea of being willful, doing their own will or desires, and being contentious or disagreeing and disobeying the desires of others in authority over them. If the parents disciplined such a child, and he continued in his rebellious path, then God commanded the death

¹ This means to be a vile person, without morals, taking things light-heartedly or without thinking about what they are doing or the consequences of what they do. Somebody who spends his financial resources on luxuries without thought for his needs tomorrow, somebody who “shakes down” other people top ay for his lifestyle.

² This means to consume much alcohol or stornig drink, We see the bad example of the father who did not take his authority as a father seriously, and his children grew up and went out of control. God punishes such people. Is not it better for the father to punish them when they are little than God when they are big? (Or worse in hell?) Always good examples are the parents imposing the principles and morality in the home because God sends it that way, and they are obedient to this command of God. It is amazing to see how parents today let their children send. They treat him like kings, always asking them, “What do you want?” And this is what the law of the house is.ignoring the obligations of his life so he can pursue this sin.

penalty for him. Of course, today this is neither easily done nor valid because the church is not the civil authority in the community, but **we see the importance placed by God on the obedience and submission of children to their parents.** Why did God make this sin and punishment so to be so brutal and cruel to a child who ignores his parents? The answer is that the child started on a crime path by refusing to respect authority, starting with his parents.

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.*

Prov. 20:20 *Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.*

Respect is taught by parents to their children when they are young, and the main way is to insist that **there is no debate or discussion between parent and child. What the parent says is final and is to be obeyed immediately with a good attitude.** If the parent does not insist on this, then it is a mockery of his authority, and finally mocks the authority behind the parents, which is God. I have seen parents who threaten their children, reproaching them ten times without completing with any threat. I have seen parents whose children kick and hit their parents in their faces or vital areas. Remember that **rebellion against your parents is ultimately a manifestation of your rebellion against God,** and God has placed the parents as God's ambassador over the child to punish this rebellion. The failure to punish the child demonstrates the parent's hatred of their own child and is a sin on their part.

Prov. 13:24 *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

Prov. 23:13 *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. **If you do not insist** (with discipline) **that your child respects you** and respects the authority you have from God as their parent, **then you "hate" your child.** **By not insisting on respect for authority, you are condemning him to a path of delinquency that will take him to hell.** The insistence on respecting authority is what will free his soul from hell. When modern psychology tells you to take the attitude of being an*

equal with your child, like his buddy or friend, then you obey a doctrine of demons instead of God!

Children should honor their parents

Prov. 23:22 *Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.*

Col 3:20 *Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.* Parents are not always 100% correct in everything they do. We are not God. But in the end, always being perfect and correct is not the issue. The issue is to honor, respect, and reverence our parents for their God-given authority, although we do not always understand the reason for their decisions.

Children are not to be the decision makers

Josh 24:15... *as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.* **Gen 18:19** *For I know him (Abraham), that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment;...* Good biblical examples show us that **godly parents must always "order" their home by insisting and imposing God's commandments and principles.**

This is not by a popular vote but **is an imposition of authority without discussion of other options.** Maybe parents should explain the biblical basis for their decisions, but their authority is not "up for discussion" if something is not to their liking.

1Sam 2:22 *Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people... **Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.***

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Child Kings

Parents that let their kids Rule

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In our world, there is every kind of evil. While in the past, the evil was not so developed, today it seems that wickedness knows no limits. The Bible imposes rules and principles on us so that things would work in order to be pleasing God. The relationship between children and parents is one of those things that has become very distorted. Besides the abuse of children by their parents, there are parents who are abused by their children. These are children who manipulate and control their parents in some form. They do not respect the authority that God has placed in parenthood.