

RAISING RESPECTFUL CHILDREN

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I. WHAT IS RESPECT AND HOW IS IT SHOWN TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY?

Hebrew *kabad*, kaw-bad'; literally - to be weighty, i.e. to take seriously; to regard with sobriety
yare', yaw-ray'; to fear; to be frightened of; ie: to revere or treat with reverence

Greek *timao*, tim-ah'-o; to esteem and place great value upon; to revere; to show honor
phobos, fob'-os; to regard with fear or fright

A. Responding to those in authority as ones having _____ to bring _____ in your life

B. To behave in a way which _____ to the one deserving of _____

II. HOW CAN A PARENT KNOW WHEN CHILDREN ARE DISRESPECTFUL?

A. _____ attitude

B. Inappropriate

1. We are to treat others with honor in respect for their _____ and _____

Leviticus 19:32 Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD. (See also Prov 16:31; 20:29; Job 32:4-6)

1 Timothy 5:1-2 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Pet 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

2. One sign of a family in trouble is _____ for _____ and the _____

Isa 3:5 The people will be oppressed, everyone by another and everyone by a neighbor; the youth will be insolent to the elder, and the base to the honorable. (NRSV)

Lam 5:12 Princes have been hung up by their hands; elders are shown no respect.

Mark 13:12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

C. Speaking with _____ or _____

Respectful responses indicate _____ to authority:

- "Yes, Dad" "Sure, Mom"
- "May I appeal?"
- "May I have your permission to discuss this?"
- "Excuse me, Dad, may I offer you new information before you decide?"

D. Concerned for _____ over _____

III. HOW CAN PARENTS CULTIVATE RESPECT IN THEIR CHILDREN?

A. _____ their respect by showing them you are someone to be _____ with

1. Require them to _____ you the _____ you speak

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2. Do not _____ yourself

3. Do not make _____

4. _____ through with all consequences

5. Require respectful _____

"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 5:16 (Also Ex 20:12 & Lev 19:3)

6. Don't be content that you've _____ them into subjection.

7. Make your top goal to cultivate respectful _____ more than respectful _____

B. Do not share _____ with them.

1. Growing into maturity requires _____ of leadership

2. Don't _____ your instructions -- it makes you _____ to them.

Job 40:4 "I am unworthy--how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. 5 I spoke once, but I have no answer-- twice, but I will say no more."

> Allowing them to _____ you reinforces that you are _____

> Make them wise _____ they have _____

C. Do not crave their _____

Prov 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

Mat 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

> Do not live for their _____

*Heb 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation **mature through suffering**.*

> Child-centered parenting fosters _____ and _____ respect no one but themselves

D. Be a _____ for others in authority

E. Be as _____ of them as you would _____ those in _____ to be of you.

IV. CULTIVATING RESPECT IN A TEENAGER FOLLOWING SOLOMON'S EXAMPLE

A. Solomon related with his teenage sons like _____ because they were _____

B. Solomon's approach was **NOT** chiefly _____ based.

1. He did not try to motivate them chiefly by _____ of _____

2. He gave _____ but remained non-threatening or domineering
Prov 6:20-23; 2:1; 3:1; 7:1-2

3. He cautioned them with _____ of natural consequences they would reap
ie: Anger, lust, laziness, bad relationships, finances, pride, disobedience to parents, etc.
Prov 22:24; 10:4; 22:8; 30:17

4. He appealed to them based on _____
*Prov 8:32 "Now then, my sons, listen to me; **blessed are those who keep my ways.***
Prov 3:33; 9:12; 3:13, 18; 5:18; 8:34; 10:6; 10:7; 10:22; 11:11, 18, 26; 12:14; 13:13, 21; 14:14, 21; 16:20;
19:17; 20:7; 20:21; 22:9; 24:25; 25:22; 27:14; 28:14; 28:20; 29:18; 30:11; 31:28

C. Come _____ of them like a _____
*Prov 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for **they will prolong your life** many years and **bring you prosperity.***

D. Listen to them as _____ adults
> _____ to their _____ if they are _____ than yours

E. Do not continue to make _____ for your teens, but teach _____ how to make _____
based on God's Word.
(See article "Learning to Make Wise Choices" on our website www.familyministries.com/articles.html)

F. Equip them with practical help for handling _____
Prov 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.
Prov 22:24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.
Prov 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil... 8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house

VII. GAINING RESPECT THROUGH CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIP

Prov 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways

Phile 1:8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I appeal to you on the basis of love...

A. _____ them for who they are at the stage of growth they have attained

B. If our kids fail to find our acceptance, they will welcome it from the _____ or _____ who offers it.

C. Don't mistake _____ for _____

1. _____ is characterized by a tender manner and a caring touch

2. _____ says, "Although you fall short, I still like you as you are now."

D. Do not _____ until they achieve your standard

1. Quickest way to _____ loved ones is to communicate that they do not measure up

2. They may _____ and begin to _____ you

3. Our children read our _____ every time we greet them.