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DOCTRINE OF PARENTING-2

1. When a significant number of young people are allowed to grow up as undisciplined, rebellious and incorrigible children, it will eventually lead to the destruction of a nation. We see the phenomenon of defiant and recalcitrant young people today among many minorities who have arrogant entitlement attitudes (many have no fathers at home to inculcate discipline or to be good role models), which liberals continue to exploit for votes. We also see it among many young socialists who riot and destroy property in protest of capitalism. There are at least two ways wayward youths can destroy a nation. First, if their numbers become overwhelming, they can overthrow a government. Second, as they grow up their wayward ways will result in the changing basic laws of morality and divine establishment as they institute wayward, perverse laws either when they enter politics or vote for evil politicians. It was because of these two reasons that God ordained the death penalty for rebellious teenagers in His Old Testament theocracy. God's privileged nation of Israel was given laws to inculcate morality and teach the concept of righteousness and humility. If God had not instituted the death penalty for incorrigible youth, Israel would not have survived. It would have ended up in the dustbin of history like all of the other ancient nations around them. God knew all too well that if the young are allowed to have rebellious attitudes, this would destroy Israel, so He made sure that that *evil* was dealt with swiftly and permanently as an example for all:

Deut. 21:18 "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, 19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his home town. 20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear of it and fear.

2. Mandates for the young and general principles on the importance of orientation to authority.

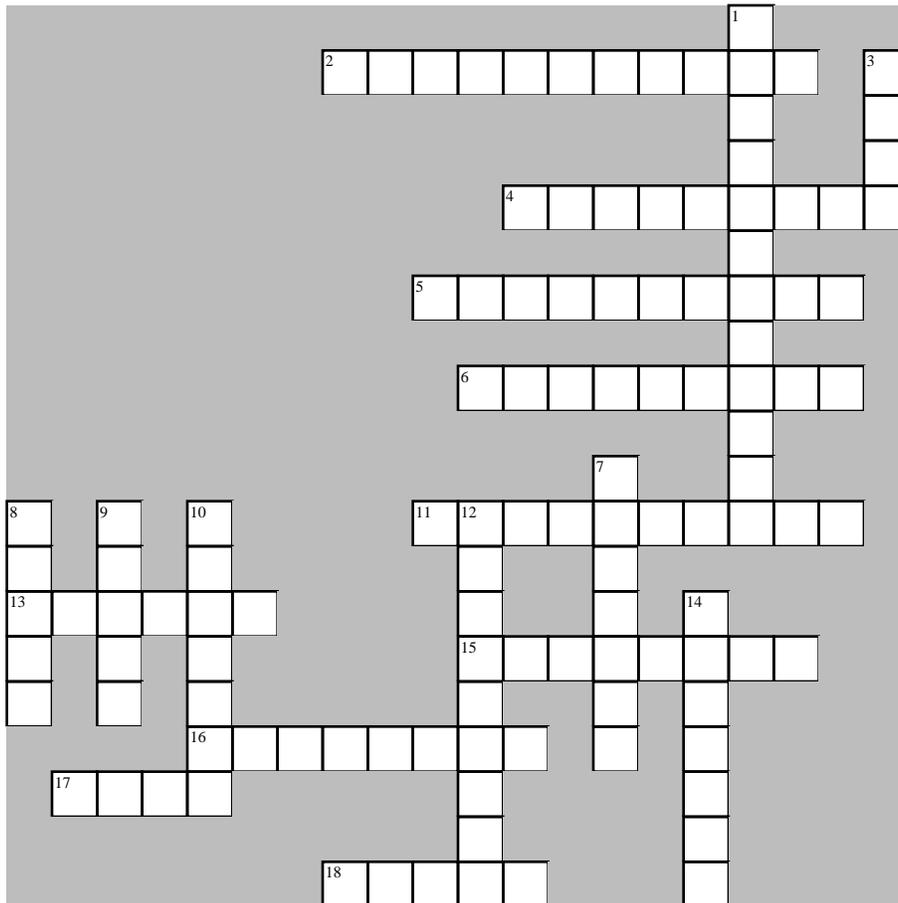
Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

- a. The term in the above passage translated “obey” is a compound word in the Greek (ὕπακούω) hupo =under + akouo = listen. The concept here is to listen, concentrate, and be under the authority of. The verb is in the present active imperative meaning that it is a continuous command.
- b. This passage teaches authority. A child must learn authority before he can govern himself or exercise authority over others as an adult (e.g., as an employer).
- c. One thing that all people instinctively hate is obedience. It is assumed, that obedience is somehow degrading. We see this not only among the young, but in many *Christian* wives as well. This is only because the culture influences the souls of these wives more than God’s Word and Jesus Christ. The wife that has a problem with following the leadership of her husband has adopted the world’s standards instead of Christ’s. In doing so she has destroyed her own beautiful femininity and spirituality (cf. 1 Peter 3:1-5). The bigger question for a Christian wife who lives in disobedience to her husband’s wishes and leadership is the *why* she has that attitude. It is unlikely that this is just one kosmic, Zeitgeist, and anti-Christian view she possesses.
- d. It is not degrading to be obedient to someone else’s authority. It is actually a basis for freedom, humility, and protection from arrogance.
- e. We have a generation of parents today, 20-50, who grew up under the false view that to discipline children and teach them respect for authority would destroy their personality and creativeness.
- f. Basic authority in life and respect for authority comes from the home. Each generation determines its role in life on the basis of recognition of authority they learn in the home.
- g. When children have no respect for the authority of their parents, they generally react to all types of authority in life. They become misfits. Apart from the grace of God, they become losers who resort to drugs and alcohol to cope with life because they were never taught to cope with authority. There is a definite correlation between being anti-authority and being a loser.
- h. Breakdown of authority in the home often results in breakdown in patriotism: e.g., lack of respect for the flag, lack of respect of one’s heritage, and lack of love for one’s country.

- i. We now have a generation of young people who have been catered to by the government. They look to government as their God.
- j. We have a generation of young people today who are growing up without any spiritual instruction. Not only is there no Christian example of a godly mother or father at home, they are never exposed to the Word of God. It is quite common today to see kids involved in soccer, baseball, or football on a Wednesday evening or Sunday morning, times traditionally set aside for attending the local church.
- k. We have a generation of young people who are catered to by their parents. They let little Johnny do what he wants to do. They let little Susie wear what she wants to wear. Instead of being parents to their children, there is a desire to be the child's best friend. Instead of inculcating respect, they teach indulgence. They believe that the child is inherently good and must be left free to expressive his creativity. Such a parent will not be respected by their child.
- l. The person under authority does not have to like the authority. However, it should be responded to without mental attitude sins—with respect. As far as the child, he should never be allowed to throw a fit regarding discipline, e.g. slam doors, shout, etc. Self-control is part of learning under discipline.

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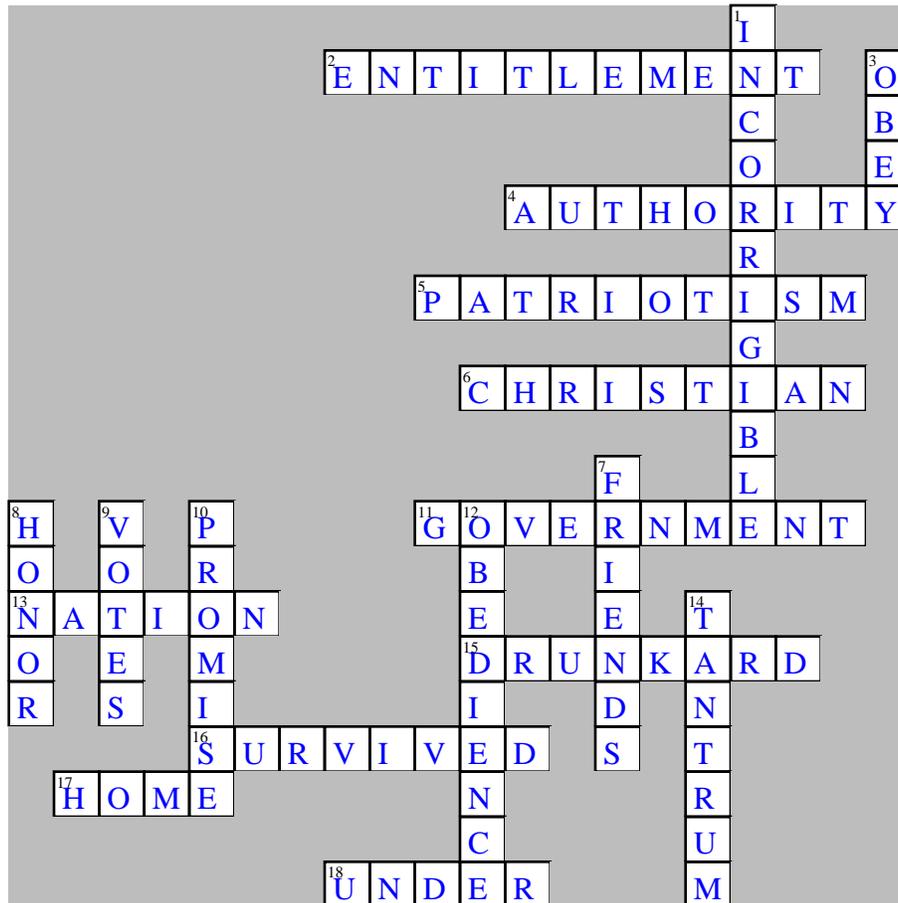
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