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DOCTRINE OF PARENTING-3

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

1. The issue in children obeying their parents is not whether the parents are right or wrong. Children are to obey because there is a greater principle of authority in play that exceeds who is right or wrong on any given occasion.
2. A child who does not learn to submit himself to authority—fair or unfair—will have a miserable undisciplined life. He will not be able to cope with unfair authority when (if?) he grows up. This is the devil’s world, and your children will face injustice throughout life. They must learn to deal with it without developing an attitude (mental attitude sin reaction). Often, the child learns the greatest lessons in life when they obey parents when their parents are unfair and wrong. It is far better to first learn to obey in unfairness (as perceived by the child) from a loving parent than someone who really does not care—like the people of kosmos diabolicus.
3. Parents need not fear the destruction of their child’s will by making them obey. Instead of breaking the will, inculcation of discipline provides enforced humility that can lead to virtues of self-discipline and thoughtfulness of others under pressure. It is easy to be self-centered when suffering under unfair authority. This disease destroys capacity for life in millions of people who live with a victim attitude.
4. Parents are responsible for training their children for adulthood, to make them virtuous self-governing, mature individuals. Discipline is required in this Herculean task which includes training them in vocabulary skills (the greater the vocabulary the greater the capacity to think of concepts rather than in mere images), honesty, integrity, manners (respect for elders, teachers, and property of others), grooming (parents have authority over what their children wear), patriotism, personal responsibility, respecting the privacy of others, compassion, consideration, generosity, the importance of the spiritual life (Bible doctrine, fellowship), and biblical sex education (concept of Right Man/Right Woman). It is the parents’ responsibility to teach their sons and daughters sex education with material that is age appropriate. All children should have the advantage of understanding sex from a biblical perspective so they can understand the blessings of licit/sanctioned sex and the dangers of illicit sex, see

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Psa 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life, 24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the smooth tongue of the adulteress. 25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart, Nor let her catch you with her eyelids. 26 For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.

Proverbs 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love. 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress, And embrace the bosom of a foreigner? 21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

Song of Solomon 7:1 "How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your hips are like jewels, The work of the hands of an artist. 2 "Your navel is like a round goblet Which never lacks mixed wine; Your belly is like a heap of wheat Fenced about with lilies. 3 "Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle. 4 "Your neck is like a tower of ivory, Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon By the gate of Bath-rabbim; Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon, Which faces toward Damascus. 5 "Your head crowns you like Carmel, And the flowing locks of your head are like purple threads; The king is captivated by your tresses. 6 "How beautiful and how delightful you are, My love, with all your charms! 7 "Your stature is like a palm tree, And your breasts are like its clusters. 8 "I said, 'I will climb the palm tree, I will take hold of its fruit stalks.' Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, And the fragrance of your breath like apples, 9 And your mouth like the best wine!" "It goes down smoothly for my beloved, Flowing gently through the lips of those who fall asleep. 10 "I am my beloved's, And his desire is for me.

5. Parents who train their children in the Lord are grace blessings to their children. Even though the child may not realize it until much later in life. Usually the better job you do, the more they will not appreciate it until they get much older. All children begin life helpless and ignorant. Even a genius is stupid at birth. The survival of children depends upon the parents not only in logistics (food, shelter, clothing), but spiritual nourishment (Bible doctrine, the spiritual life).
6. **“For this is right (δικαιος).”** This instruction is right, it is according to divine viewpoint. It is important for every Christian parent to get their instruction from the Lord and not from the kosmos (e.g., Dr. Spock who popularized the recapitulation embryo fraud promulgated by Ernst Haeckel). Many so-called professionals are naturalists and believe that your child is nothing but an evolved chimpanzee (this is also the same presuppositions inherent in TV programs like Discovery and History Channel). I would not want my child to be raised according to the template of someone who thought my child was nothing more than an evolved chimp. All chimps want to do is eat, play, and have sex. They have absolutely no concept of concepts (i.e., the real meaning of things). They are limited to mere images. There is a vast difference between thinking in images versus concepts, only man can think in concepts. All other creatures think in images. Every Christian parent is to raise their child according to divine viewpoint which means using the Word of God undergirded by

philosophical realism. As I noted in our last Bible class, man has very few instincts—maybe a couple, all the rest is just responses or feelings. Creatures with the most instincts are much further down the chain of life. God has given us reason to use in the context of the Word of God. There is no such thing as instincts for raising kids. Instincts are very specific and we simply are not outfitted with inherent specific instructions on raising children. Philosophical realism under the umbrella of Bible doctrine is the only “right” way to raise your child. Again, it does not matter what society teaches, the believer is to follow the Word of God and principles of Being, these are the only textbooks that recognize the true dignity of your child as made in the image of God. Only by following the Word does God guide the believer in properly raising the child with all of the love, firmness, and dignity that he has before his God. Only through God will the believer be enlightened by the Holy Spirit regarding all of the excruciating decisions in child training.

Ephesians 6:2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

1. Both mother and father are to be involved in raising the child. Never marry an individual who does not share your Christian or doctrinal views on raising children. Don't delude yourself into thinking you can change someone's volition.
2. A child is commanded to honor both father and mother. No parent should ever disrespect the spouse, especially before the children.
3. Honor usually takes place after the discipline/training. Sometimes the child does not really honor all that the parent has done until much later in life after the child grows up and realizes the blessings of their Christian, doctrinal upbringing.
4. The child that is taught to respect their parents has capacity to honor them. Honor comes after respect.
5. With honor comes love. It is hard for a child to love a parent they do not respect or honor. A child will not respect a parent who just tries to be his friend.
6. Note how the father is mentioned first in the above verse. He is to be actively involved in raising the children, though he will need to delegate a great deal to his wife since he is usually unable to be with the children as much.
7. God promises the child a blessed and long life. This is a general promise, it is not absolute. It includes divine special protection for the child as well as the child living in such a way that will be conducive to a blessed and long life. They may not appreciate be forced to take in doctrine while they are young, but they will later in life when they see its value.

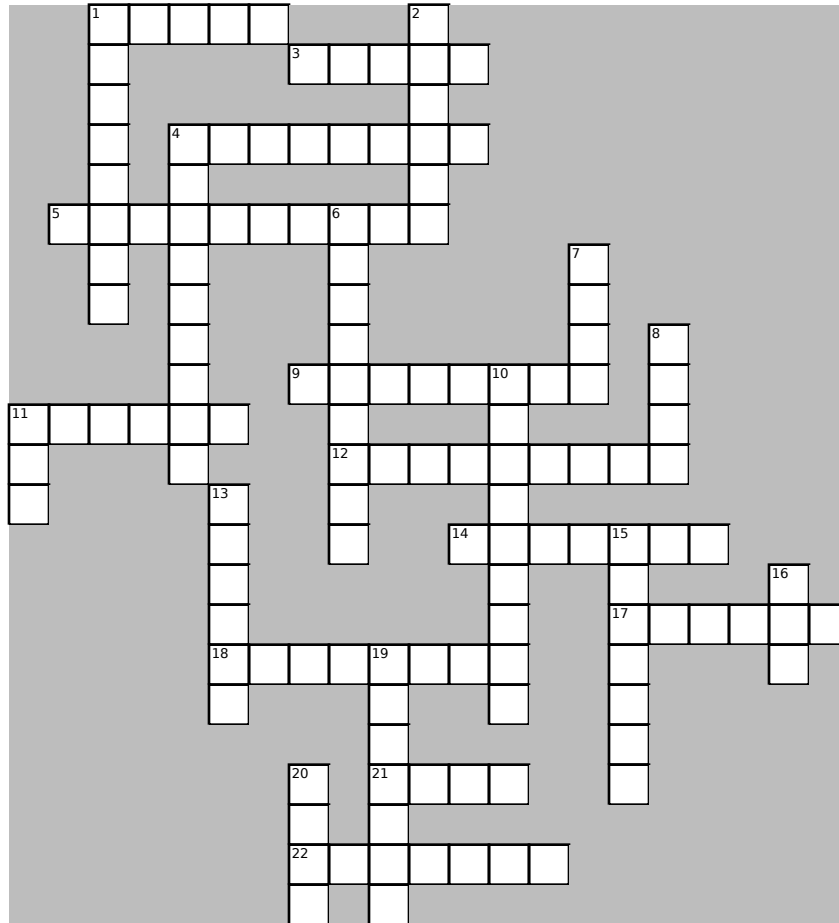
Ephesians 6:4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1. Note in the passage above that it is the Christian father who is to be the spiritual leader of the family. Christian fathers who have nothing to do with doctrine or the local church and thinks that spiritual things are just for women and children (weak?), are not really men at all. They need to man up and be a leader. Every man who is a true man is a true leader.
2. Note two directives in the above passage: discipline and instruction.
 - “discipline” (*παιδεία* means to train). This refers to many of the things mentioned above: self-discipline, respect for authority and the rights of others, etc. The goal here is to inculcate self-discipline which leads to maturity and virtue.
 - “instruction” (*νοθεσία* emphasizes the mind) refers to instilling Christian principles. Of course, this begins with evangelism. Parents have the wonderful privilege of evangelizing their children and then teaching them Bible doctrine and respect for God’s Word. They should also be *instructed* to respect the pastor. You should never criticize a pastor in the presence of your children. However, it is good to discuss what he teaches openly and fairly. What is idiotic is for parents to take their kids to church week after week and then run down the pastor. If he really does not know his subject, why do the parents go there to begin with? I would never sit under someone unless I thought he knew more than I did about a given subject.
 - “of the Lord” shows that everything is to be done in context of God. Parenting is full time Christian service that is very demanding and requires all that *each* parent has. It is a Herculean task not for the faint of heart. The work is enormous and often unreckonized and underappreciated. Like everything else, the believer must do it as unto the Lord who sees it all.

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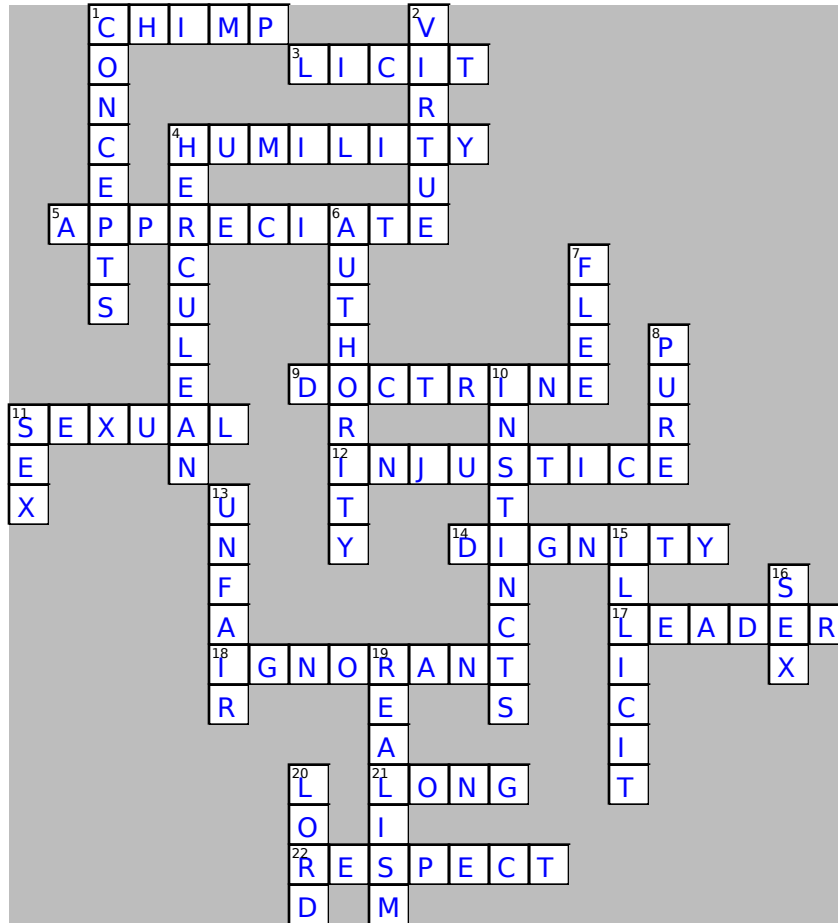
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