



**THE CHRISTIAN HOME, PART FOUR:
OBEDIENT CHILDREN**
Ephesians 6:1-3

1. The _____

It is a straightforward requirement laid out for the children of the home: live in obedience to your parents. Let this also be laid upon the heart of every believer: that as children of God we live in responsive obedience to our Heavenly Father.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ~ Colossians 3:20

2. The _____

The reason is simple: God has commanded it. If all the commandments are summed up in loving God, then this command is wrapped up in it as well. To live as obedient children to your parents is, ultimately, an expression of love for Christ.

"...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.... love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ~ Matthew 22:37-40

3. The _____

Godly parents will direct the home to live in faithfulness to Christ. Any rebellion against that will lead to behaviors that are detrimental and destructive. Obedience, however, leads to wellness and longevity.

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it." ~ 1 Peter 3:10-11

2 JOHN 1:4

**I REJOICED GREATLY TO FIND SOME OF YOUR CHILDREN WALKING IN THE TRUTH,
JUST AS WE WERE COMMANDED BY THE FATHER.**



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Additional Scripture References

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**Philippians 2:14-15**

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.*

**Deuteronomy 32:47**

*"For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."*

**1 John 3:2-3**

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

**1 Peter 1:14-15**

*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct*

**1 Samuel 15:22**

*And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."*

**Psalms 119:165**

*Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*