

**I. You must understand your child's two primary needs are for \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Two questions kids are always asking:

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?

Where's the \_\_\_\_\_?

- The Perfect Parent - Genesis 1:27-29; 2:15-17

**II. You must recognize your child's primary responsibility is to learn  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. 'Respect your father and mother' is the first commandment that has a promise added: so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land.*

*Ephesians 6:1-3 (Good News Bible)*

- Defining Obedience

*Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.*

*John 14:21 (NIV)*

III. You must remember, obedience is a \_\_\_\_\_.

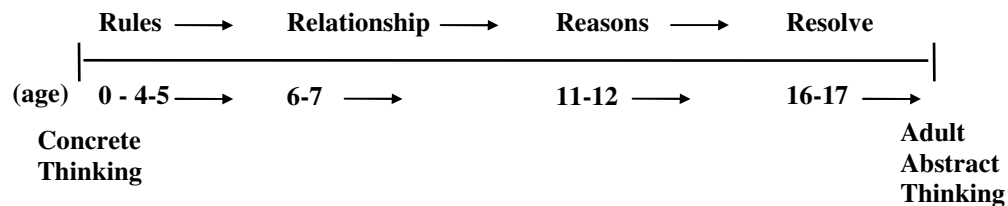
*Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered...*

*Hebrews 5:8 (NIV)*

*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

*Luke 2:52 (NIV)*

- Spiritual Formation and Mental Development



1. Principle of Readiness- Only teach children what they are mentally and emotionally capable of learning.
2. Principle of Responsibility- Never habitually do for your children what they can do for themselves.

*Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction.*

*Ephesians 6:4 (Good News Bible)*

**IV. You must commit to providing the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ for your child to learn obedience.**

*<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! <sup>5</sup>And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; <sup>7</sup>and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NAS)*

- Five Resources Your Children Needs from You
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
  
- A Word Picture = “The Journey Of Life”

V. Obedience is achieved when your child has \_\_\_\_\_ his/her primary love, submission and dependency from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Three Characteristics of Righteous Children
  1. They make wise \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil 1:9-11)
  2. They keep their \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov 20:6)
  3. They care genuinely for \_\_\_\_\_. (John 15:13\_

### Discussion Questions

1. What are your child's greatest needs?
2. What is your child's greatest responsibility? Discuss what that means and what that involves.
3. What is your role as a parent in helping your child learn obedience? Where is that going well? Where do you need help?
4. What was specifically helpful to you from this message? What step could you take to help your child reach his/her full potential?