

Respect - Required for Ability to Influence

Billy Graham was right: "A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone." If there is anything that should be built into the fabric of every family, it is a respect for the individual, starting with mom and dad. Not awe, reverence or veneration, but an estimation in which we honor the worth of others. It is that respect due each family member simply because of whom they are.

There are two types of respect we should reinforce at home. The first is entitled respect, and the second is earned respect.

Entitled respect is that which is commanded due to a person's position. "Honor your father and mother." There are no contingencies, no exceptions to this command. Just honor. The position entitles the holder (Ephesians 6). Respect those in government positions, because they are put there as ministers of God (Romans 13). Respect those who have the rule over you spiritually, and honor them (1 Tim 5:17, Hebrews 13:7).

Children should understand this as well as see it modeled by their parents. If as an adult you denigrate entitled respect, how can you expect your children not to follow suit? How can a husband disrespect his wife, then as a father demand that the children respect his parental status?

How can a wife disrespect her husband, and then expect the kids to treat her right? How can parents "provoke children to wrath" and expect the kids to honor them in return?

Earned respect, though entitled respect is drawn from who we are, it comes from what we do. Earned is drawn from concepts of earned and yearn. The primary purpose is to strive, implying an effort to advance or stretch forward. Earning respect is exactly that, a yearning to advance in all endeavors of the mind, body, social graces and spirituality. We gain it through our labor, our service to others, and our performance within the family unit. When we give due respect to those who are entitled to it, or have earned it, we, in the process, are preparing the way for respect to come back around our way. It is, indeed, a two-way avenue.

Respect fostered in the home will have a more dramatic effect on all three areas of the heritage. Spiritually, it will give your child true value. Emotionally, it will give a sense of security. Socially, it will establish a foundation for treating others right. So, be intentional in teaching and modeling respect- it starts in the home!

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Make It Real | Discipline vs Punishment

Discipline: Training or learning that develops self-control, character; as system of rules for conduct and moral behavior; training that corrects, molds or perfects

Punishment: To impose a penalty for breaking a rule or the law; often in retaliation; to deal with roughly or harshly; to bring under control.

* Discipline provides direction and correction; punishment inflicts a penalty.

* Discipline focuses on the future; punishment focuses on the past.

* Discipline is done in an attitude of love and support; punishment is administered with an attitude of anger and retaliation.

* Discipline is directed at the behavior; punishment is directed at the individual.

* Discipline supports a sense of security and self-control; punishment promotes fear, resentment and anxiety.

There are differences in what our children learn from these two different approaches.

* Discipline teaches our children responsibility and self-control; punishment teaches a child not to get caught, to avoid punishment, to lie and to be sneaky and to manipulate the system.

Discipline helps our children to be learners and to grow from their mistakes; punishment causes our children to see themselves as failures and to believe that they are not "okay."

It is because we love our children that we discipline them. The goal of correcting our children should be to help them learn how to change their behavior, what to do differently in the future, and why it is important to act or not act in certain ways. Appropriate discipline will help us accomplish this goal.

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Questions Kids Ask | Can I do whatever I want when I'm Older?

Q: Can I do whatever I want when I am older?

A: Some kids think that when they grow up they will be able to do anything they want. And it may appear that some adults live that way. But that's not true. All our lives we will have rules and laws to obey. When God gave the Ten Commandments, He gave them to all people of all ages, for all time. No one outgrows the need to follow God's ways. We should always obey God.

That's one of the reasons God tells us to obey our parents. Doing what they say helps us learn to obey those in authority over us later in life. It also helps us want to do what's right.

Key Verse: "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all

believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity."

1 Tim 4:12

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