



# “Gospel Centered Parenting”

Colossians 3:20-21

## LISTEN

*Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:*

## SHARE

What was discipline like in your home when you were growing up?

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## REFLECT

- a) Read Colossians 3:20-21 and Ephesians 6:1-4.
- b) What is God’s standard for children, according to Colossians 3:20?  

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- c) Why does obeying one’s parents “please the Lord”?  

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- d) Besides pleasing God, what other benefits do children get from obeying their parents? (See Deuteronomy 5:16, Proverbs 3:1-2)  

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- e) Why do you think Paul only addresses fathers and not mothers in Colossians 3:21?  

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f) How may a parent embitter or discourage his or her children?

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## APPLY

a) In what ways does Colossians 3:20-21 highlight human brokenness?

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b) How do these verses point you to Jesus Christ?

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c) How are God's words to children and parents at odds with the messages you hear from our culture?

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d) **For children:** Do you hate it when your parents tell you to do things you don't want to do? Why? What does that tell you about your heart?

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e) **For parents:** It is important that you teach your children the value and benefits of obedience. How consistently and compassionately are you disciplining your children? Are you being too harsh, or too lenient? What should you do to improve?

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f) **For everyone:** The relationship between parents and their children should reflect God's care for us. What do you learn about God from Colossians 3:20-21 that can help motivate you to obedience?

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## PRAY

a) Pray for Linda Wheatley, our Children's Ministry Director; the Children's Ministry Team; our Sunday School staff; and Gaby Narvaez-Segrest, our Nursery Coordinator. Ask God to use these people to build a high quality program for our covenant children.

b) Pray for the upcoming Men's Seminar on Maintaining Sexual Integrity (November 7-8). Ask the Lord to help many men find strength in the battle for sexual wholeness.

c) Praise God that Seth Hammond successfully passed his ordination exams! Pray for the final round of questioning before Central Florida Presbytery on November 11.