



# Family Dragons <sup>part 3</sup>

## Disarming the Obstinate Offspring



1. Realize \_\_\_\_\_

2. Always \_\_\_\_\_

3. Expect \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 3:18-21*

<sup>18</sup> *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

<sup>19</sup> *Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

<sup>20</sup> **Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (NIV)*

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe your mom and dad's relationship with each other when you were growing up.

What good and/or bad traits, habits or characteristics do you think have become a part of your life because you watched and experienced your parents' relationship with one another?

2. If you are married, what specific and measurable steps can you take to nurture and strengthen your marriage?

3. If you have children, what do you think they have learned (or are learning) about obedience and respect for authority from watching you?

What can you do to become a better model of respect and obedience?

4. How well do your children obey your parental instructions?

How well do they respond to other authority figures in their lives?

5. Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to see God elevate the value of obedience and respect in your home.

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Is. 9-10 & 1Cor. 4*

**Monday**

*Is. 11-12 & 1Cor. 5*

**Tuesday**

*Is. 13-14 & 1Cor. 6*

**Wednesday**

*Is. 15-16 & 1Cor. 7*

**Thursday**

*Is. 17-18 & 1Cor. 8*

**Friday**

*Is. 19-20 & 1Cor. 9*

**Saturday**

*Is. 21-22 & 1Cor. 10*

*Here are some resources which may help as you seek to lead your children toward a life of obedience.*

Gundersen, Dennis. **Your Child's Profession of Faith.** Amityville, NY: Calvary Press, 1994.

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Tripp, Tedd. **Shepherding a Child's Heart.** Wapwallopen, PA: Shepherd Press, 1995.

Turansky, Scott and Joanne Miller. **Say Good-bye to Whining, Complaining and Bad Attitudes in You and Your Kids.** Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 2000.