

## Parenting with truth and grace

Colossians 3:20-21

Intro – Good or godly parenting (Colossians 3:17; Malachi 2:15)?

### I. Teach truth – Children must obey parents because it pleases Jesus (Colossians 3:20).

A. “Obedience” – Children learn to obey at home (3:20a).

1. Parents are accountable to teach and enforce obedience (Proverbs 3:1-2; 19:18; 29: 17).
2. Accountability to obey gradually shifts to the child (Proverbs 28:7; 30:17; 22:6).

B. “Pleases the Lord” – As children learn to obey they also learn about pleasing Christ (3:20b; Ephesians 6:1-2).

1. Children learn what God is like through daily time spent with parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
2. Teaching truth starts young (2 Timothy 3:14-16).

### II. Model grace – Dads (and moms) must parent with grace or children are discouraged (Colossians 3:21).

A. Don’t provoke children to anger (3:21a; Ephesians 6:3).

B. Lack of grace creates lack of hope (3:21b; Ephesians 6:4).

#### Grace-based parenting issues

- Do we motivate performance-based or grace-based (Colossians 1:10-14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)?
- Do we discipline fear-based or grace-based (Hebrews 12:5-11)?
- Do we teach holiness guilt-based or grace-based (1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1)?