

Discipline Results in Respect; Assaults on Parental Authority

Parents are members of the human race and therefore are not perfect. Children come into this life with a conscience which is tabula rasa and a fully-functional sinful nature. Parents may make mistakes but the children make more.

They are born amoral, self-centered, and totally depraved.

Therefore, it is the height of arrogance for a child to set himself up as a judge of his parents. Parents do not want to discipline their children. They want to bless them. If their child orients to their authority and submits willingly to it, parents happily provide greater freedom, benefits, and opportunities.

Willing orientation and submission to parental authority is classified as respect and honor. A child really has no option. He is to obey his parents in all things. Therefore, a child must honor his parents regardless of whether they are fair or unfair.

The family is the most important organization in history for the preservation of human freedom. The family is far more important to the principles of privacy, property, and freedom than is the national government. This is one of the major reasons why communism, socialism, and liberalism are so dangerous to human freedom and must be resisted with every fiber of our being.

It is obvious that communists recognize the family as the greatest threat to its philosophies. Communists have always understood that in order to enslave a population they must indoctrinate its youth into the principles of communism.

The way they most effectively accomplish this is to pass laws which legally extract the child from the home and place him into government-controlled schools. Curriculum content is inconsequential until the child is propagandized into the philosophies of communism. In order to ensure the lifelong loyalty of their captives, communists instill a distrust of parents into the souls of small children. They are programmed to turn on their parents for the good of the state if their parents commit any transgression of established communist theory. This horror is very graphically demonstrated in the movie, *The Deer Hunter*.

Consequently, the major key to the transformation of a free society into one controlled by the state is the indoctrination of children at very early ages into the curriculum of the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics.

If children can be removed from the home, or if parental authority can be diminished by draconian laws imposed as a method of abuse prevention, or if media can instill a distrust of all authority, then parents are systematically robbed of their God-given right to discipline and control their children. This makes it difficult for a family esprit de corps to develop to the point where a child comes to respect his parents as a result of their loving discipline of him. In effect, parents must become heroes to their children. If they are not, then the stability of society becomes tragically flawed.

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If a child reaches adulthood without honor and respect for his parents, the only way it can be developed or restored is through the inculcation of Bible doctrine.

Hebrews 12:9 - Another point. We used to have our human parents for corrective discipline and we respected them.

PRINCIPLE: Parental discipline develops respect for authority. Respect for authority is the basis for learning. The believer can come to respect God's authority in two ways:

- a. Indirectly through the inculcation, metabolization, and application of divine imperatives.
- b. Directly through the administration of divine discipline because of noncompliance with divine imperatives.

By comparison, a child comes to respect his parents' authority in two ways:

- a. Indirectly through the inculcation, metabolization, and application of parental imperatives.
- b. Directly through the administration of corrective chastisement because of noncompliance with parental imperatives.

The indirect methods speak to the soul and challenges volition. The direct methods discipline the mind and body and challenge volition. The indirect methods work when the child is submissive to parental authority through genuine humility.

But no child is born with genuine humility. This attitude can only be acquired as a result of enforced humility. Thus, the direct methods work because pain and suffering inspire the volition to seeks an avenue of escape. The avenue of escape is compliance under enforced humility.