

Deferred Obedience 2 - Part 2

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of teaching implicit obedience in children and the consequences of deferred obedience in families and society.

Duration: 8:44

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 29:15, Matthew 21:28-32, Ephesians 6:1, Colossians 3:20, Hebrews 12:11

Topics: "Obedience To God", "Parental Discipline"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of obedience, both in the family and in our relationship with God. It highlights the consequences of deferred obedience, irresponsible parenting, and the need for correction and discipline. The story of the two sons in Matthew 21:28-32 is used to illustrate the significance of repentance and obedience in doing the will of the Father.

Transcript

But you can see every, you know, every now and again, at a certain distance from each other, emergency heart resuscitators. Well, they do not want people collapsing after a long flight in the airport. Now, a man comes to work after a fight at home, and his work is very poor because of his mind being totally distracted, and the product is very shoddy, it does not hold its place in the market place, and the market share keeps dropping, and the population gets depleted, as the jobs have fled, where did it all begin? A home that is dysfunctional, a family without God, but who is responsible? Well, you know, everything seems to point to me, the pulpit is responsible, I am responsible, what have I done? My master has told me that the one lost sheep is important, and I have to go after that one lost sheep.

A mother does not say, this child is a bad egg, let me just leave the child to itself. The mother may have 20 children, but she does not leave a child saying, huh, I can do nothing for this fellow, till her deathbed she goes after him. How many boys and girls in this country turn to the Lord Jesus at the pleading of a dying parent, how many? Yes, that's what Jesus gives us, we don't defer obedience, we dare not defer obedience with any child.

Okay, I will correct him later, I will find the time, I'm too busy just now, I can't bother, it's time for me to run away to work, so, you know, in my family, because we had a lot of guests, people coming in and going out, it was not always possible for my dad to discipline us in the midst of company, he wouldn't do that. He would say, well, justice is deferred, I'll deal with you later. You know, folks, nobody hears about the rod

which drives away the foolishness of a child these days.

There are laws now in the European Parliament which say, which have banned the use of any little corrective, little rod. Now it's only a token, you don't smash a child and break his head with a rod, no, not unless you're a big drunk of some sort, and we've got a lot of such people, but my father used to take his little stick and apply it to my hand, see? But it would come a little late, not exactly at the time of the offense, and it used to hurt my father to do this. I would see that my father was perhaps more hurt with that little correction applied.

It was not bang, bang, bang, it was a corrective punishment, which I knew I deserved. But today, parents, you know, they do not even correct a child when a child is misbehaving. What does it mean? Irresponsible parents, that's all.

They defer obedience themselves, and they teach their children disobedience. Now my dear friends, the spirit of God teaches us obedience. My mother used to say, implicit obedience.

I want implicit obedience. You just don't see it. You see fathers and mothers shouting their throats off, my dear, you ought to keep a tape recorder going of a few hours in a family, and the family gathers, shout here, shout there, shout, shout, shout.

Why? The children have not been taught implicit obedience. My mother would say, come on, I want implicit obedience. That's what I was taught.

Now, if you will turn to Matthew 21st chapter, from the 28th verse, what think you? A certain man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not. But afterward, he repented and went.

And he came to the second and said, likewise, and he answered and said, I go, sir, and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, the first, Jesus saith to them, verily I say unto you that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you believed him not.

But the publicans and the harlots believed him. And you, when you had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him. John came preaching righteousness, and who obeyed him? The people who were most disobedient, the tax collectors were often people who pocketed a part of that tax.

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