WHAT PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT FROM THEIR TEENS

Parents should expect three responses from their children:

1. **Respect (for authority)**
2. **Obedience**
3. **Honor**

A. _____ (for authority)

All of life is structured around a "chain of responsibility" (cp. Mt. 8:10).

Three basic divinely established institutions to provide structure (order) and safety (protection) to society:

1) The _____ (I Cor. 7:2ff; Eph. 5:22-6:4)
2) The _____ (Rom. 13:1-f)
3) The _____ (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24; I Peter 5:1-5)

These institutions involve submission and authority.

An "AUTHORITY" is someone with a position of _____.

The position of authority is ultimately given by _____.

This position of authority is one of _____ (an "authority" is a servant)

This position of authority is to provide _____, _____, and/or _____ for the well being of the one(s) served.

The one who holds such a position of authority is _____ to God and will answer to God.

The one who is expected to submit to the authority will also be _____ _____ to God for how he/she responded to the authority.

Respect for parents is so serious that God told Moses:

*"He who _____ **(physical disrespect)** his father or his mother shall surely be put to death";*
*and "He who _____ **(verbal disrespect)** his father or his mother shall surely be put to death"* (Ex. 21:15, 17; cp. Lev. 20:9; Deut.21:18-21; 27:16; Proverbs 30:11-17).

Proverbs 20:20 - *"Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness"* (ie. his life will be snuffed out)

* Colossians 3:20 says:

"Children, obey your parents in all things:
for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Such obedience is to be:

1. **_____ -**

"Obey" = hupokouo" - lit. to listen with a submissive heart. Hence, to hear what your parents say and do it.
(Attitude is just as important as action)

2. **_____** (present imperative)
Young men, as long as you are under their roof, you are obligated to obey them; young ladies, as long as you are under your parents' authority (until you get married), you are obligated to obey them.

3. **_____** - *"your parents"*
Respect their God-given position over you. Even if you are bigger than them, smarter than them or stronger than them, you are to obey them because they are your parents.

4. **_____** - *"in all things"* (KJV)
Obedience is not to be partial, but total (God does not qualify the obedience). However, the only exception is if your parents ask you to sin (to directly violate a Scriptural principle - cp. Acts 4:19-20, 5:29).

3 blessings that come to those who submit to authority (outline by Bill Gothard):

1. **You grow in _____ and _____**
(See: the example of Jesus as a 12-year old boy - Luke 2:49-52).

2. **You gain _____ from destructive temptations**

"The essence of submission is not 'getting under the domination of authority,' but rather 'getting under the protection of authority.' Authority is like an 'umbrella of protection'."
(Gothard, Basic Seminar Textbook, p. 20)

3. **You receive _____ for life decisions**

How does God speak to us? Obviously through His Word the Bible. However, in the details of life, how does He direct us?

*"One of the most basic aspects of faith is to realize how God gets His directions to us through those He has placed over us. . . Our faith multiplies as we see how God speaks to us through those He has placed over us." (Gothard, p. 20)

B. **_____**

See: Ephesians 6
CHRISTIAN CHILDREN MUST RESPECT THEIR PARENTS
- GOD'S WAY (v. 1-3)

GOD REQUIRES RESPECTFUL ACTION (A child's duty is obedience) (v. 1)

_____ obedience is disobedience.
_____ obedience is disobedience.
(Example: Doing something half way or in the wrong way - not according to the parents instructions)

"your parents"

A child is to respect based on the _____ of the parents, more than because of parent's personal character.

"for this is right"

Obedience is _____ for children!

Obedience not only provides a better and longer life, but also:

1) Obedience teaches children _____
(to learn to trust and wait on God)
2) Obedience quips children with _____
3) Obedience gets children ready for a _____ that will demand respect for authority
4) Obedience gets children ready for _____, which will not always be "fair" or "just"
5) You will reap in your children what you yourself sowed as a child

C. _____

GOD REQUIRES A RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE (The child's disposition is honor) (v. 2-3)

"Honor" = to view as very _____, or _____.

How do children show honor?

1) By obeying them without _____
(Having the right attitude will produce right action)

2) By _____ for parents (when they cannot)
(Mt. 15:3-6) (NOTE: Money is no substitute for love)

God's Promises to children who honor their parents:

a. Such an attitude results in a _____ life - *"well with thee . . ."* (v. 3a)

2. Such an attitude results in a _____ of life - *"live long . . ."* (v. 3b)