

No Fear

Philippians 2:12–13

Romans 11:22

Hebrews 10:31

“No Fear”

“There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Rom. 3:18). “There is no fear *of their parents* before their eyes.”

And there is plenty of evidence to prove there is a problem.

Disobedience is serious business

- Romans 1:28, 30, 32.
- 2 Timothy 3:1–2, 5.
- Disobedience will be a problem when fear is not instilled in children.

What will it take to instill fear?

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- Proverbs 13:24.
- Proverbs 15:10.
- Proverbs 19:18.
- Proverbs 20:30.
- Proverbs 22:15.
- Proverbs 23:13–14.
- Proverbs 29:15.
- Hebrews 12:11.

The Goal

“one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence”

(1 Timothy 3:4).

Benefits to Severity and Goodness

- Learn to listen to and respect authority.
- Learn the value of obedience.
- Learn self-control.
- Learn to fear punishment.
- Become more conscious of wrongdoing.

What We Sometimes Do Instead

- Try it for awhile, and then give up.
- Make excuses for our children.
- Make excuses for ourselves.
- Beg and plead with our children.

Conclusion

- May God help us to raise our children in such a way that there is “fear (of their parents) before their eyes.”
- More than that, may God help us to mold them into the image of Jesus Christ.