

## SESSION 9 – “The Appeal Process”



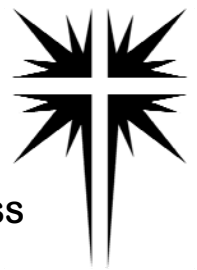
- I. **INTRODUCTION:** We have learned that immediate obedience without questioning or murmuring is God’s standard, yet involves sensitivity in the training process. Discernment requires we not ask a child to turn off a video only a few minutes before its conclusion e.g.; or to put away a game very near its completion; those actions cause frustration. This is where the APPEAL process begins. This is where the child may ask the parent to change the instructions based on new information. This process allows parents to avoid unnecessary conflict and to build communication without \_\_\_\_\_ authority, to maintain harmony in the home (Psalm 127:1)
- II. **INSTRUCTION: GUIDELINES FOR THE APPEAL PROCESS...**(Cf. Abraham, Moses appeals to God)...
- A. Appeals must be made to the parent giving the instructions. This prevents undermining the authority of both parents.
  - B. Appeals must be humbly and meekly presented, to \_\_\_\_\_ authority and the parents’ right to rule. Make SURE their attitude is not challenging your authority (Proverbs 22:6).
  - C. Appeals can only be made ONCE! No means NO! This process hinges on the child learning the parents are loving and trustworthy and will thus listen to \_\_\_\_\_ appeals.
  - D. Start by teaching your child to say, “May I appeal?” This makes the child acknowledge you are the authority.
  - E. Appeals are a \_\_\_\_\_. Don’t let the child ruin the process by excessive appeals, especially to objectionable tasks they merely do not like! REMEMBER... the appeal must be based on new information the parent did not have (mom, there’s only 5 minutes more to the video’s ending)...e.g. a child cannot appeal normal household duties or chores.
  - F. For this process to work, parents must be fair and flexible. Think about why you say “no”; is there a good reason it can’t be “\_\_\_\_\_”. This process is a life building character process that shapes the child for future encounters with a boss they may not like submitting to; and to the Word of God when it convicts, remembering God loves them, and a BIG part of that love is the training of discipline/discipleship... (Hebrews 12).
  - G. This process is best started with children age 5 and up who have learned well you are God’s authority in the home.
- III. **BENEFITS OF THE APPEAL PROCESS**
- A. It makes obedience \_\_\_\_\_ to children, since they know their parents are approachable and willing to revisit previously given instruction as an act of love
  - B. It protects children from becoming needlessly frustrated (Ephesians 6:4).

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- C. It prepares children to interact correctly with present and future authorities.
- D. It \_\_\_\_\_ parental authority from being arbitrary, legalistic, or authoritarian.
- E. It reinforces family harmony during the teen years. When children grow confident of their parents' fairness, the harmony derived is further magnified in the teen years.
- F. It helps accomplish the needed transition from the duty of obedience, to submitting to parents out of \_\_\_\_\_ and holy love (John 14:21)...delight vs. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 37:3-6)
- G. It communicates to the world how biblical authority maintains fairness with integrity.



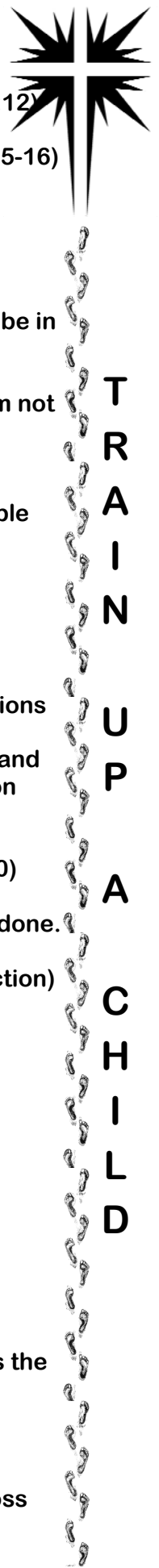
## SESSION 10 – “Repentance and Restoration”



### I. INTRODUCTION: REPENTANCE TRAINING...KEY TO LOVING GOD AND GODLINESS (PSALM 51)

- A. Respect for authority is starting point to establish biblical \_\_\_\_\_ constraints (2 Cor. 5:14)
1. Authority of parents must be clearly and firmly established (Eph. 6:1-4)
    - a. Father submitting to God must be consistent model (Eph. 5)
    - b. Mother submitting to God and husband must be consistently modeled
    - c. Children will follow this model in God’s \_\_\_\_\_...His blueprint for healthy families
  2. Authority of your words develops submission (I Peter 5:5-6)
    - a. Mean what you say...
    - b. Say what you mean...
    - c. God does! (Ps. 12:6-7; Heb. 12)
  3. If your children do not respect you biblically, they will never love you biblically
    - a. They must be trained to respect what you respect...so they will in \_\_\_\_\_ love what you love!
    - b. This is “honoring” you (Eph. 6)...cf. the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment
      - i. Long life promise...
      - ii. Habitually disobeyed meant death by \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Cf. dating process...you will not date or ever marry someone you cannot respect as this is foundational to building love relationships
    - d. Children **MUST** be consistently reminded that their respect for you is simply shown by their behaviors when you are \_\_\_\_\_ present (Phil. 2:12)
      - i. Involves deep bonding of love that prevents deceitful scheming behaviors because your eyes are not on them
      - ii. Remind them Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ watching (Heb. 4:13)... memorize!
      - iii. Involves clear grasp that murmuring is \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:14), i.e. disrespect

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- iv. Big issues in training them to work out salvation (Phil. 2:12)
- v. So as mature become harmless and blameless (Phil. 2:15-16)
  - (a) Bringing no \_\_\_\_\_ to God
  - (b) Bringing no shame to you as parents (Proverbs)
  - (c) Blessing you that your parenting labors have not be in \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) As biblical disciplines of chastisement teach them not to fear punishment but to fear God who is always watching (Gal. 6:7)

B. **SUMMARY:** So...as you train to respect and thus submit to you, God will enable them to \_\_\_\_\_ you

- 1. Romans 5:5
- 2. I Thes. 4:9
- 3. **AND** these 3 keys, respect, submission, and holy love are the foundations of a \_\_\_\_\_ and contrite heart that fosters healthy repentance and restoration principles of biblical conflict resolution that glorifies God and builds harmony in your home and healthy growing iron sharpening iron relationships (Ps. 51; Prov. 27:17; John 14; I Pet. 4:8)

II. **INSTRUCTION:** “Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

- A. Repentance is \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow for getting caught, but sorrow for the sin we’ve done.
- B. It means a \_\_\_\_\_ of mind, coming from a changed attitude of heart (conviction)
- C. Judges has a pattern: sin, repentance, forgiveness, and restoration.
  - 1. Judges 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1...Jews did evil in God’s sight
  - 2. Cf. 3:9,15; 4:3; 6:6-8a; 10:10...then cried unto God
  - 3. God heard and delivered them due to \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Principles of repentance...
  - 1. Must begin with the \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 4:23)
  - 2. Forgiveness begins with the one offended, and leads to restoration as the goal
    - a. It goes 2 ways
    - b. Must be offered and \_\_\_\_\_ to have restoration...the cross (John 1:12)