

- submission when obedience is required.
- When your life is not fraught with disobedience, your days are happier and your relationship with your child grows stronger.
- If you teach moral values (through obedience) when he's little, you give yourselves many years of a trusting, loving relationship.

#### What does first-time obedience look like?

First-time obedience is fairly simple to identify. Here's what it looks like:

- Your child responds to the call of his name with ["yes, mommy"](#).
- Your child gives you [eye contact](#) when you call his name.
- Your child immediately complies with any instruction you give, whether it's putting his shoes on or cleaning his room.
- Your child obeys with an attitude of submission and without complaint.

#### What does first-time obedience NOT look like?

Would your child be characterised by first-time obedience? Be honest with yourself. Do any of the following go on in your home?

- Your child ignores you when you call his name. Or worse, he runs away when you call.
- You repeat your instruction 50 times before he complies. (This is 50th-time obedience!)
- Your child counts on your inconsistency and will keep pushing .. to find out how serious you are.
- Your child whines or talks back when you give an instruction. If it worked once before, it might just work again.
- You offer threat after threat to get your child to comply.
- You count to three in a threatening tone when your child doesn't comply.
- You bribe your child with stickers, marbles, pennies, or promises for ice cream to get him to obey.
- You guilt your child into complying with your instructions.
- You beg your child to obey.
- You and your child end the day frustrated and stressed out.



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### First-time Obedience

First-time obedience is a phrase you commonly hear. But what exactly does it mean? It's really quite simple to understand. First-time obedience means your child obeys your instruction the first time, no questions asked.

First-time obedience is important for many reasons including:

- It sets clear expectations for the child.
- If you teach obedience, you don't have to teach anything else.
- It helps you decide when a correction is necessary; disobedience is disobedience.
- It teaches your child to obey your word and not rely on bribes or rewards for motivation.
- It teaches your child to submit to your authority and adopt an attitude of





# Our Home The Rod III

Focussing in on Proverbs we can make 4 statements about the rod that will help us see and grasp the discipline of the Lord:

1. The rod does not damage the child,
2. The rod removes rebellion,
3. The rod is associated with \_\_\_\_\_, Hebrews 12:6-11

**(Proverbs 13:24)** "He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

Misuse of the rod:

- ◆ Never in \_\_\_\_\_,
- ◆ Not \_\_\_\_\_ our children whenever we \_\_\_\_\_, Hebrews 12:7-11
- ◆ Not venting \_\_\_\_\_,
- ◆ Not \_\_\_\_\_,
- ◆ Does not \_\_\_\_\_ relationships,



Objections to the rod:

- ◆ I \_\_\_\_\_ my child too much to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- ◆ I'm afraid I will \_\_\_\_\_ him, Hebrews 12:11
- ◆ I'm afraid I will make him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Proverbs 29:17)** "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul."

- ◆ Won't I teach my child to be \_\_\_\_\_?
- ◆ It doesn't \_\_\_\_\_, Hebrews 12:11
- ◆ I'll be \_\_\_\_\_ for child \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The rod \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_, Hebrews 12:6  
**(Proverbs 29:15)** "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

**(Ephesians 6:4)** "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ consequences, Hebrews 12:6

**(Galatians 6:7)** "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ consequences, Hebrews 12:11

4 examples:

Irresponsibility with \_\_\_\_\_,

Irresponsibility with \_\_\_\_\_,

A \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Exodus 22:5)** "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed, and lets loose his animal, and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard."

\_\_\_\_\_ misbehaviour,

**(Proverbs 20:11)** "Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right."

