

HOW TO CONFUSE YOUR PARENTS



THE “DO’S” AND “DON’TS”


Do- SPEAK WELL of your Parents when they are not around

Don’t- TRASH TALK your parents to others



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When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder where ever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of life on fire, and itself set on fire by hell. James 3:3-6



reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Psalm 12:18

THE “DO’S” AND “DON’TS”

Do- Show RESPECT to your parents even when you do not agree.



Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, and honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17

Don't- DISRESPECT your parents (anytime)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

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Do- Learn to be HUMBLE



But he gives us more grace. That is why the Scriptures say “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble”. James 4:6

Don’t-Let PRIDE get the best of you

Blow your parents away- Ask for their ADVICE

Pride only leads to quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Proverbs 13:10

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Do- Submit to your parents AUTHORITY



Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you clothe yourself in humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”. 1 Peter 5:5

Don’t-Try to do your PARENTS JOB

PRACTICE CHARACTER

OBEY Your parents, even when they're not around



Who is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth; he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and eat and drink with drunkards. The master of the servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 24:45-51

BUILD TRUST

It takes YEARS to build trust and SECONDS to destroy it



But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them. Number 20:12

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The key ingredient to trust= INTEGRITY - Following through on what you say you will do.



The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 11:3

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Another word for integrity = FAITHFULNESS



“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come share in your master’s happiness!’ Matthew 25:21

FREEDOM (Use Wisely)

With freedom comes GREAT RESPONSIBILITY



Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Corinthians 8:9

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

FINAL THOUGHT

If you cannot obey your parents THAT YOU CAN SEE,
how can you obey a God THAT YOU CANNOT SEE ?



A FEW QUESTIONS

Of the “don’ts”, what things do you feel that you struggle with the most? (trash talking about your parents, disrespecting your parents, being prideful or trying to do your parents job)



Of the “do’s”, what do you think would make the biggest difference with your relationship with your parents? (Speaking well of your parents, respecting your parents, being more humble, or submitting to your parents authority) Why?

How do you feel about the idea that it takes years to build trust with someone and seconds to destroy it? Do you think that is true? Does that seem unfair?

Is freedom your ultimate goal? Can freedom ever mean doing whatever you want?