

Psalm 139.16:
Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed...

An in Your book they all were written: The days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them

Psalm 78.2-8:
I will open my mouth in parable...utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known and our fathers have told us...

We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praise of Lord and His strength and His wonderful works which He has done...

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that she should make them known to to their children...

Psalm 78.2-8:
That the generation to come might know them the children who would born...

That they may arise and declare them to their children...

That the may set their hope in God and not forget the works of God...

But keep His commandments and may not be like their fathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation...

A generation that did not set its heart aright and whose spirit was not faithful to God

Exodus 13.26-27:
And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' that you shall say...

"It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households"...

Joshua 4.5-7:
And Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark...into the midst of the Jordon and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder..."

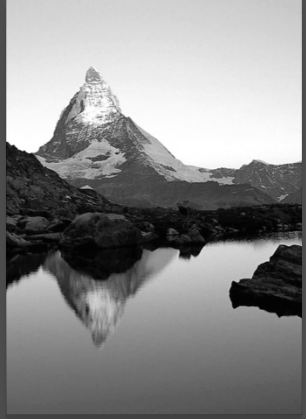
That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, "What do these stones mean to you?"

Then you will answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark...when it crossed over the Jordan—the waters were cut off..."

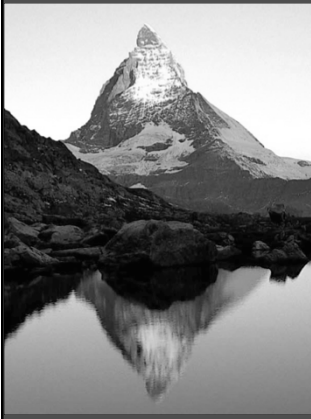
And these stones shall be a memorial to the children of Israel forever...

Micah 4:5: "For all people walk each in the name of his god; but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever"


What is the BIG picture?
 “Go you therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all things...”
Mt. 28.18-19
 Souls saved
 Souls discipled
 Souls sent out
 (cf. Col. 1.27-29)



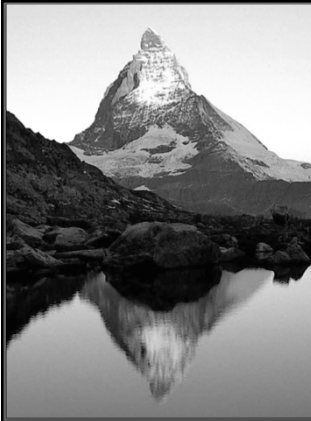
What is the BIG picture?
 Child’s salvation:
 2 Timothy 1.4-5
 2 Timothy 3.14-15
Never underestimate the witness of parents



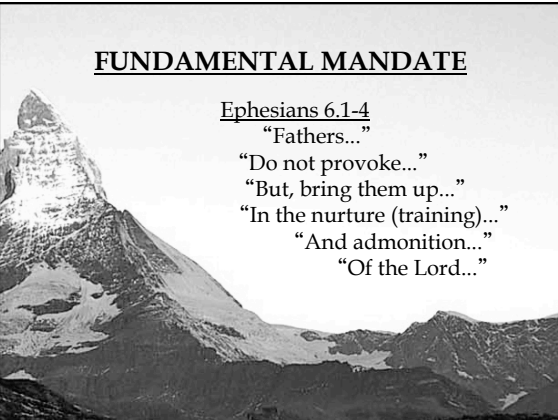
2 Timothy 1.4-5
 “...when I call to remembrance the **genuine faith** that is in you, which dwelt first in your **grandmother Lois** and your **mother Eunice**, and I am persuaded is in you also...”



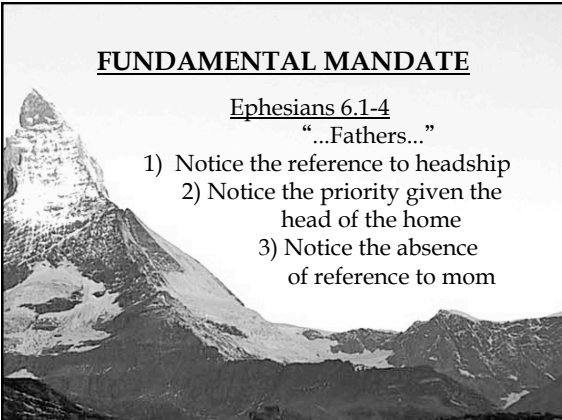
2 Timothy 3.14-15
 “...you **must continue** in the things...you have **learned & been assured** of, knowing from whom you have learned them...that **from childhood you have known the... Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise **for salvation** through faith...in Christ Jesus...”



FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE
Ephesians 6.1-4
 “Fathers...”
 “Do not provoke...”
 “But, bring them up...”
 “In the nurture (training)...”
 “And admonition...”
 “Of the Lord...”



FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE
Ephesians 6.1-4
 “...Fathers...”
 1) Notice the reference to headship
 2) Notice the priority given the head of the home
 3) Notice the absence of reference to mom



FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE

Ephesians 6.1-4

“...do not provoke...”

- 1) parorgizo=implies a movement from one point to another point
- 2) In this case, it is the pushing to the point of irritation, anger, or resentment

FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE

Ephesians 6.1-4

“...in the nurturing...”

- 1) paideia=rearing and guiding a person to maturity with action
- 2) It involves all facets training:
Instruction, correction, reproof, admonishing, chastening

FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE

Ephesians 6.1-4

“...in the admonition...”

- 1) nouthesia=lit., a putting in mind; or, training by word(s); a person perceives it by observing or with thought
- 2) It is understanding based upon His concepts

FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE

Ephesians 6.1-4

“...of the Lord...”

- 1) It is the nurturing and admonishment that belongs to the Lord
- 2) Make sure we are giving the Lord’s ways and not our own

FUNDAMENTAL MANDATE

Deuteronomy 6.4-9

- 1) Love the Lord your God (v. 4): With all your being (heart, soul, mind, strength)
- 2) Keep the words of God yourself (v. 6)
- 3) You teach your children diligently (v. 7a)
 - 4) How? Answer: Diligently?
 - ✧ In every portion of life (v. 7b)
 - ✧ In every action—on your hand (v. 8a)
 - ✧ In every desire—between your eyes (v. 8b)
 - ✧ In every activity—doorposts, gates (v. 9)

WHAT IS OUR MANDATE?

Proverbs 22.6

1. Train=hanak: From the root idea of rubbing the palate of a newborn with oil or dates
2. A child=na ‘ar: Used of infants, ones just weaned, youths, & grown sons
3. “in the way he should go”=derek: path or journey, direction; manner or habit
 - With path and With person

WHERE DO WE START TILLING THE GROUND?

Genesis 3.1-19: Crime

1. **Authority questioned** (2.16-17; 3.3-5)
2. **Disobedience performed** (3.6, 17)
3. **Deception propagated** (3.1-4)
4. **Dis-trust and mis-trust instituted** (3.5)

WHERE DO WE START TILLING THE GROUND?

Genesis 3.1-19: Consequences

1. **"De" Self-seeking:** All that lust is in sum & substance (3.6—"...good...pleasant...make one...")
2. **Discovery:** Shame/guilt—inevitable outcome (3.7a—"eyes opened")
3. **Dignity:** Is now gone (3.7b—"knew they were naked...")
4. **Disgraced:** Attempted cover up (3.7c—"they sewed fig leaves..")
5. **Distanced:** Spontaneous, voluntary separation from the Lord (3.8—"hid themselves from the presence of the Lord")

WHERE DO WE START TILLING THE GROUND?

Genesis 3.1-19: Consequences

6. **Defend:** A denial of the situation (3.9-10—"I was afraid...I was naked...so I hid")
7. **Demand:** God demands account (3.11—"who told you were naked...have you eaten")
8. **Deferral:** Adam deflects and blames both God and Eve (3.12)
9. **"De" Curse:** The order is turned upside down (3.16-19—"he shall rule over...you have heeded...")

WHERE DO WE START?

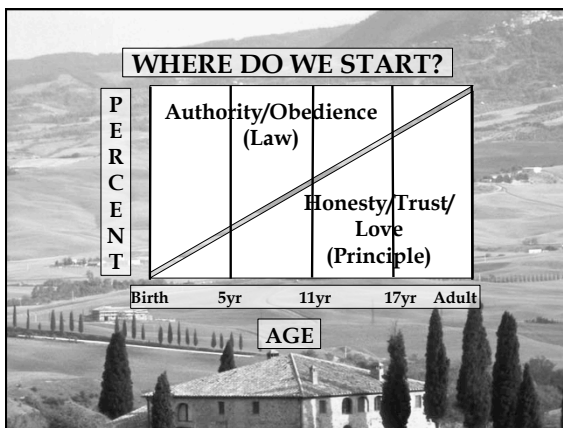
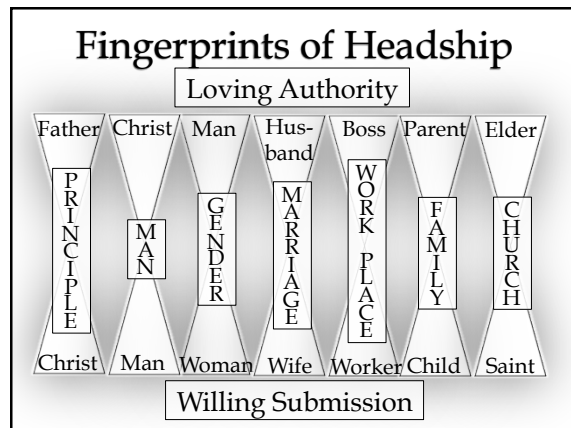
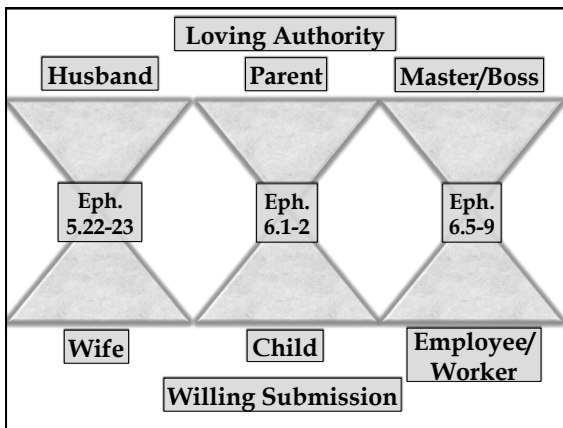
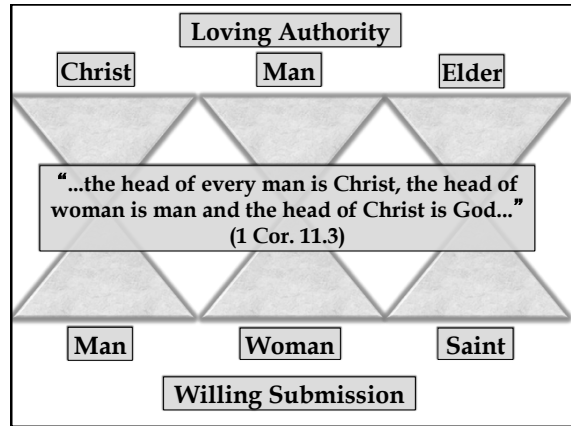
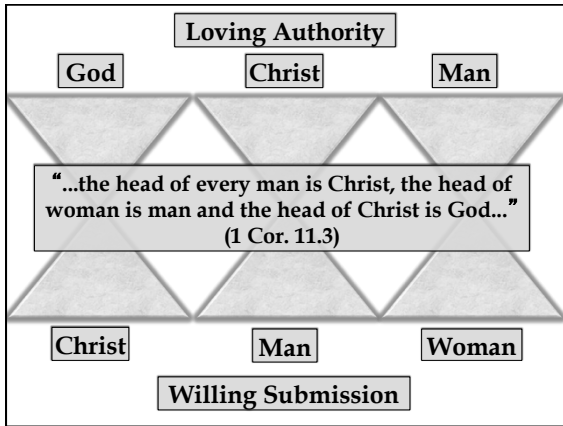
P E R C E N T	Authority/Obedience (Law)	Honesty/Trust/ Love (Principle)			
	Birth	5yr	11yr	17yr	Adult
AGE					

AUTHORITY: HEADSHIP

- **Ephesians 6.2:** "...children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right..."
- **Notice:**
 - **"Parents:"** Augment this process
 - **"Right:"** According to His ideas of righteousness
 - **"in the Lord:"** Assure the right standard

The Lord Jesus: Headship

Loving Authority	Willing Submission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt. 3.17: Baptism (initiation) • Matt. 17.5: Transfiguration • <u>John 5.19-20:</u> Conversation with the Jews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>In. 5.30:</u> Testimony (cf. 6.38; 7.16; 8.28, 42) • Matt. 26.38-42: Garden moment (final hour) • Phil. 2.5-8



OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

1. **Definition:** "Hearing under"

- "hupakoe" (noun) & "hupakouo" (verb) = "to hear under"
- **IDEA** = put yourself under the the authority of someone else's words
- **IMAGE** = military
- **INTUITION** = Ps. 32.8 "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will **guide you with my eye**"

In order to be guided by your eye, then they must be **watching** your eye

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

1. **Definition:** "Hearing under" (cont'd)
Its exactly like the Lord Jesus
 - **Philippians 2:8:** "...And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself** and became **obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross..." (Mt. 8.27; Rm. 5.19)
 - **Isaiah 50.4-5:** "...He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. The Lord **God has opened My ear**; and I was **not rebellious** nor did I turn away...I gave my back to those who struck..."

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

2. **Action & Attitude:**
 - **Eph. 6.1:** "Children **OBEY** [action]..."
 - **INHERENT**=In the very definition – action is required
 - **ILLUSTRATION**=Numbers 12.1-4: "...Then Miriam and Aaron **spoke against** Moses...for he had married an Ethiopian...**So they said**, 'Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us...' **And the Lord heard it...**"

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

2. **Action & Attitude:** (cont'd)
 - **Eph. 6.1:** "Children...**HONOR**" [attitude]
 - **IDEA**="Honor:" *timao*=ascribe worth count precious; respect
 - **IDEA**=Go after the heart
 - **IMAGE:** Discipline for action, but go after the attitude with equal effort
 - **ILLUSTRATION**=Numbers 14.1-4: "...all the congregation **lifted up their voices and cried**...the people wept that night...the children of Israel **complained**... the whole congregation said...let us select a leader and the **return**..."

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

3. **Qualities: Immediately**
 - **Ps. 119.60**--"I made haste and **did not delay** to keep Your commandments..."
 - **Acts 16:9-10** "...a vision appeared to Paul...a man of Macedonia...pleaded with him... 'Come over to Macedonia and help' ...**immediately** we sought to go Macedonia"

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

3. **Qualities: Thoroughly**
 - **John 4.34:** "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to **FINISH** His work"
 - **John 17.4:** "I have glorified you on the earth. I have **FINISHED** the work which have given Me to do"
 - **1 Sam. 15:13-14** "...Saul said to him... '**I have performed the commandment** of the Lord' ...But Samuel said, '**What then** is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of oxen I hear...'"

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

3. **Qualities: Consistently**
 - **John 8.29:** "He who sent Me is with Me...for I **ALWAYS DO** those things that please Him"
 - **Psalms 119.3:** "...Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I **shall keep it to the end**..."
 - **Numbers 14:22:** "...because all these men...have put Me to the test now **these ten times**, and **have not heeded My voice**..."

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

3. Qualities: Cheerfully

- Psalm 40:8: "I delight to do you will, O my God.."
- Psalm 112:1: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord & who delights greatly in His commandments"
- Psalm 119:35: "Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it"
- John 4:34: "My food is to do the will of Him..."
- Colossians 3:22: Bondservants obey in all things...not with eye-service...as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God"

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

4. Instructions & Warnings:

- Instructions must be **clear**
- Instructions must be **received** (e.g. eye response; verbal response such as "Yes sir...yes Ma'am")
- Expect instructions to be **followed**
- Consequences must be **clear**
- Consequences must be **followed through**

OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

4. Instructions & Warnings:

- Warnings diminish frustration
- Warnings exhort to obedience:
Genesis 4:6-7 "So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry...[and]...your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted...if you do not do well, sin lies at the door...its desire is for you, but you should rule over it..."

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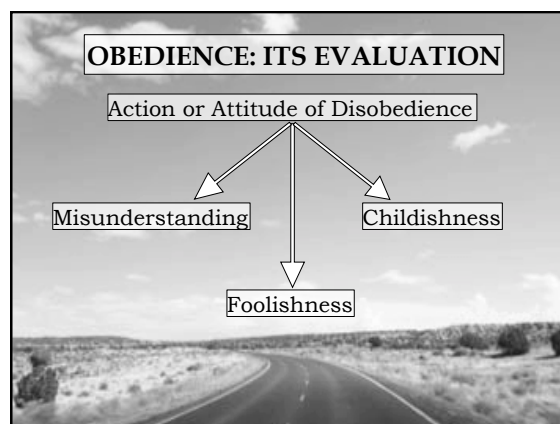
5. Encouragement:

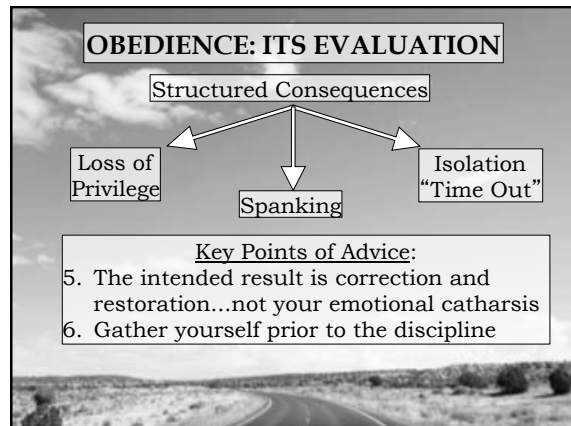
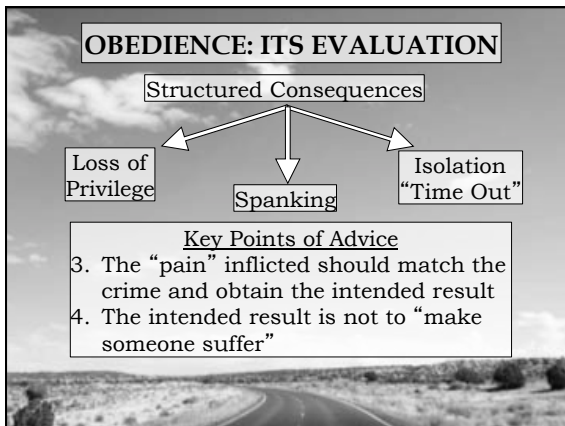
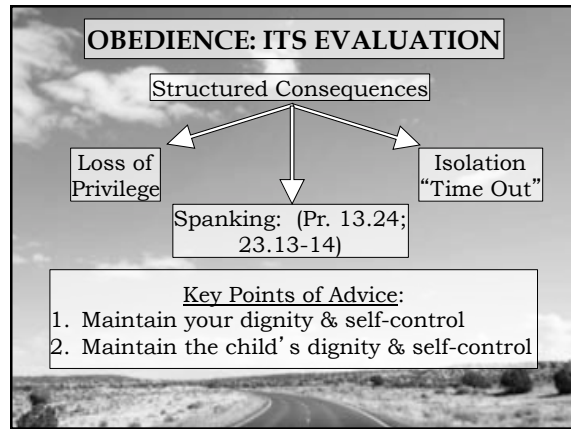
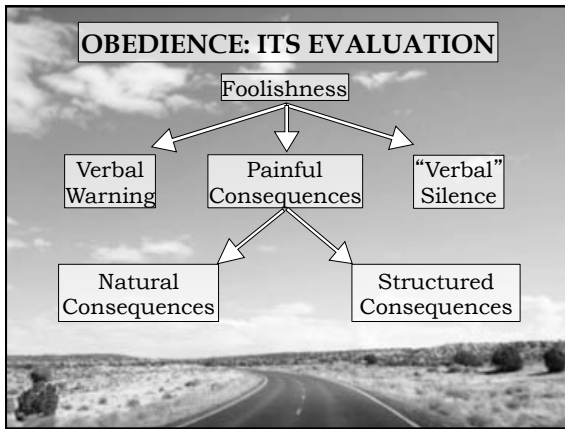
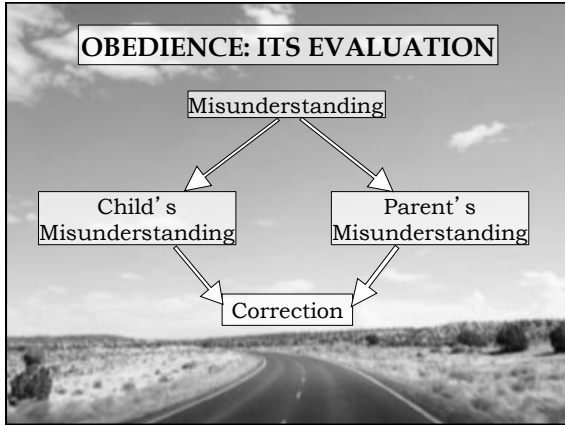
- **Pre-activity:** Invest your confidence in them to do well
- **Intra-activity:** Highlight what is being actively done well
- **Post-activity:** Praise the job well done
- **Incentives:** Achievement rewards for skill development (e.g. VIP Day for riding bike, reading levels)

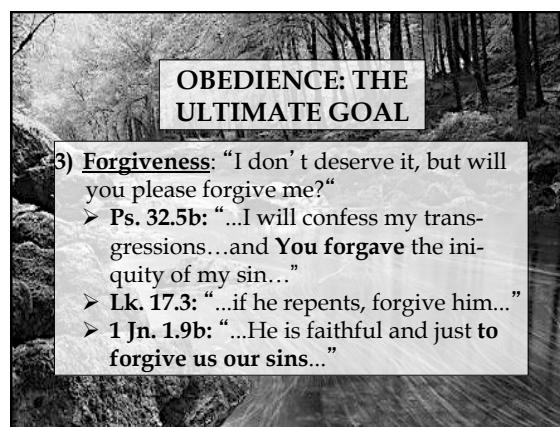
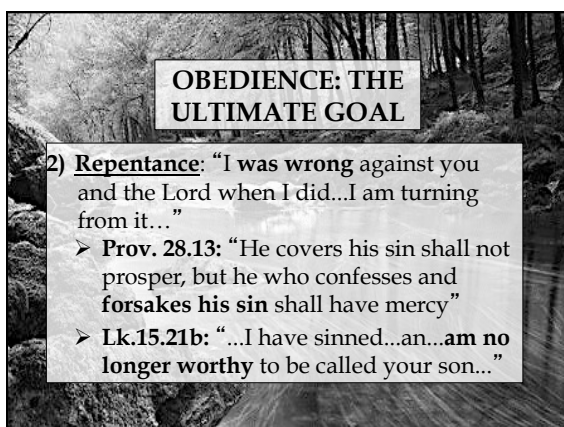
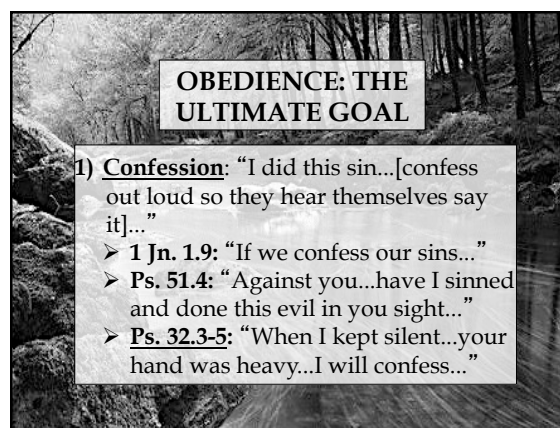
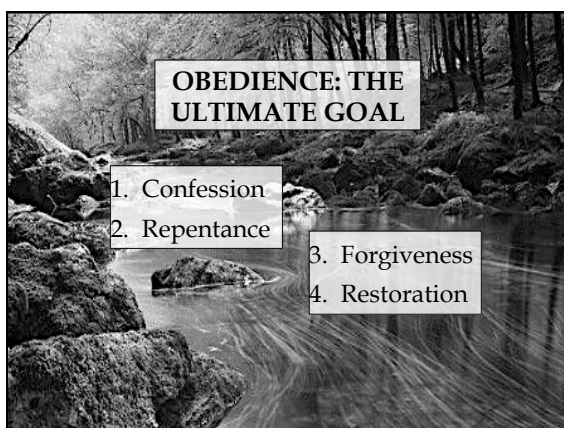
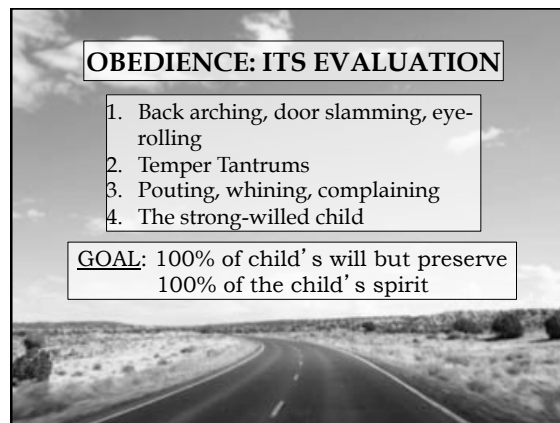
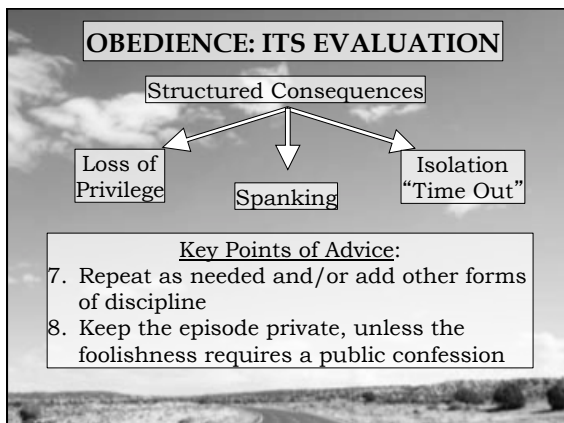
OBEDIENCE: ITS FEATURES

6. What it is not:

- Threatening
- Repeating
- Counting
- Bribing
- Negotiating
- Pleading
- Unbalanced Compassion







OBEDIENCE: THE ULTIMATE GOAL

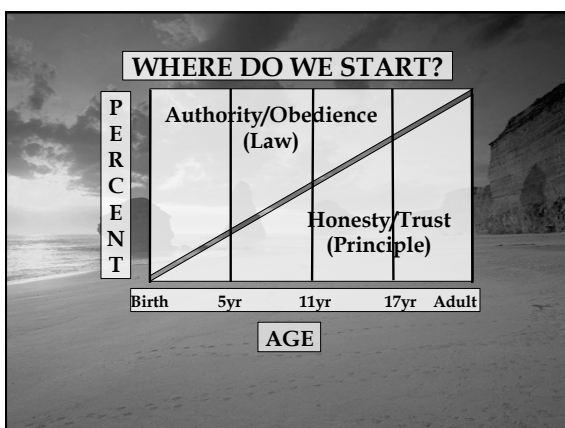
4) **Restoration:**

- Ps. 32.5-7: "...you forgave...you are my hiding place...you shall surround me with songs of deliverance..."
- Ps. 51.12-15: "...Restore to me the joy of my salvation...then will I teach transgressors...and my mouth will show forth your praise..."

OBEDIENCE: THE ULTIMATE GOAL

4) **Restoration:** (cont' d)

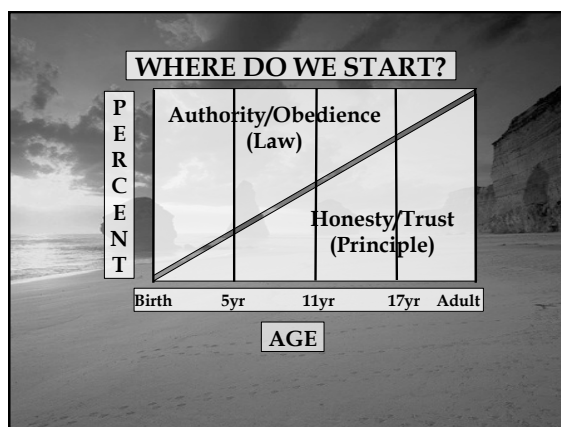
- Lk. 15.20-23: "...his father saw...had compassion...kissed...bring out the best robe...put a ring on his hand and sandals..."
 - **Immediate:** "...compassion...kissed"
 - **Later:** "...bring out...put on..."
 - Cf. Jn. 21.1-19



Moving Along in Age

Goal: Transition

1. Gradual change from obedience based upon law and command...
2. To obedience based upon:
 - **Trust**
 - **Love**
 - **Relationship or intimacy**



Moving Along in Age

Deceit Destroys Love & Trust

1. Deceit was introduced by **Satan** (cf. Jn. 8.44)
2. Lying and Deceit are terribly **destructive** to intimacy
3. **Guard** for its weakest scent:
 - Premeditated Lies
 - Spontaneous/unplanned lies
 - Deceitful spirit:
 - Manipulation of parents
 - Hiding the truth (shown by the incomplete sum of the lies)

Moving Along in Age

Fostering this Trust and Love

1. **Daily** duties
2. **Consistent** independent time with a child
3. **Risk:** Willing to take a chance
4. **Enjoy** their company
5. **Together:** Family Devotions
6. **Verbal praise** of their qualities
7. **Invest:** Giving more responsibility when faithful
8. **Demonstration** between husband and wife
9. **Insight:** Helping them **sort through** the “days God has fashioned” for them” (Ps. 139.16)
10. **Testing:** Areas of testing (relationships)

Moving Along in Age

Teenage Years

1. **Consistency:** Words and life; humble and honest
2. **Vigilant:** Every unbeliever and carnal believer is capable of anything
 - Don't be afraid to look for it
 - Don't be afraid to deal with it
3. **Remember: The Basics**
 - Admonishments and Warnings
 - Natural Consequences
 - Structured Consequences: Loss of privilege; Isolation; Restitution; “Ministers of God”

Moving Along in Age

Teenage Years

4. **Perseverance:** Never give upon the young person
 - They need help in **handling** their sin
 - They need help in **reshaping** their thinking
 - Mentality: What ever it takes
5. **Love:** Love them through it all
6. **Prayer:** Ask the Lord to reveal it & wisdom how to handle it
7. **Real shepherding** is learned on the anvil of caring for immature and foolish sheep
Teenage years are not to be dreaded...that is the world's philosophy

Joshua 24.15b:
“...as for me and my house, we will
serve the Lord...”