

**Eph 6:1-3 NLT**

*Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing."*

**Why Would a Red Blooded American Teenager Want to Obey  
His or Her Parents?**

(Scriptures from the NLT)

**1. It is good for your health and your longevity**

Prov 23:13-14 Don't fail to correct your children. They won't die if you spank them. Physical discipline may well save them from death.

**2. Obeying the authorities in your life establishes a *pattern of living* that will help you in your vocation and with your own spouse**

Prov 22:6 Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.

**3. God blesses those who submit to His chain of command**

Prov 19:18 Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives.

**1 Sam 15:23 NLT**

*Rebellion is as bad as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you from being king."*

**Deut 30:15-20 NLT**

*15 "Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between prosperity and disaster, between life and death. 16 I have commanded you today to love the LORD your God and to keep his commands, laws, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and become a great nation, and the LORD your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy. 17 But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, 18 then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. 19 Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! 20 Choose to love the LORD your God and to obey him and commit yourself to him, for he is your life. Then you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."*