

Visit Six: The Character of Obedience Summary Points

- Boundaries and rules are not placed in our life to prevent us from having fun but to ensure that we do have fun, stay safe and keep others safe.
- The purpose of “obedience training” is to help parents manage their children until their children acquire age-appropriate self-control to manage their own lives.
- Age related training priorities for parents include:
 - Health and Safety
 - General Parenting
 - Stewardship Training
 - Moral Training
- When it comes to obedience there are four independent and inter-related types of responses. They include:
 - an immediate response
 - a complete response,
 - a sustained response, and
 - a heart response
- Self-control is the internal mechanism that makes obedience training work for child and parent.
- Self-control begins with the folding of the hands.
- Folding of the hands redirects all excessive body and emotional energy to the interlocking fingers.
- The hand-folding exercise is a wonderful tool that can be used at the kitchen table when your little person is screaming because his food is not coming fast enough, at the grocery checkout, while your toddler is sitting in the shopping cart, or during times of correction.
- Because self-control is a virtue reflecting God, children who exercise self-control glorify Him.