

## **Topic:** Proper Humanity – Not Rebellious (1) (Lesson 105)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

### **Elementary:**

Verse: “Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing in the Lord” (Colossians 3:20).

Focus: To not be rebellious is to obey and to not go against what we are told to do. We should always obey our parents.

Practical Application: Consider telling this story: Becky’s mom told her that she could only have one cookie after dinner, but Becky wanted two cookies. After her mom gave her one cookie and put the jar away, Becky went back to the jar when her mother was not looking and took another cookie. Is this right? What did Becky do wrong? To go against what we are told to do is to rebel against our parents.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God” (Romans 13:1).

Focus: To not be rebellious is to obey the authorities (our parents, teachers, the government, etc.).

Practical Application: Consider using the following examples. A new principal might bring in rules that are different from last year. Do we willingly follow the new way of doing things at school or do we complain about the changes? To complain is to be rebellious. At a city park where we play there might be a sign that says no balls are to be kicked or thrown against the wall. If there is no one around, do we still obey the sign? To go against what the sign says is being rebellious against the government.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear; And I was not rebellious...” (Isaiah 50:5).

Focus: Not only do we need to not be rebellious against our parents and the authorities, but we also need to not be rebellious against God.

Practical Application: Explain to the children that God gave us a conscience to know what He approves and what He disapproves. It is important that we listen to and obey our conscience. God tells us not to lie or steal. But sometimes we do lie or steal things. God tells us to honor our parents. But sometimes we answer back when we are not happy. When our conscience tells us to do certain things, we should listen and obey. To ignore our conscience is to rebel against God.