

Topic: Proper Humanity – Not Rebellious (2) (Lesson 106)

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: “Obey the ones leading you and submit to them...” (Hebrews 13:17a).

Focus: We should not be rebellious in our speech.

Practical Application: Sometimes we are rebellious in the way we answer our parents. At dinnertime our parents may say, “Eat your vegetables.” Our answer shows if we are rebellious or not. If we say, “No,” or “Yucky, I don’t like vegetables,” this shows that we are being rebellious. Have the children describe how a non-rebellious person would respond.

Intermediate:

Verse: “But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; They have turned aside and have gone away” (Jeremiah 5:23).

Focus: We should not be rebellious in our speech or in our actions.

Practical Application: Is it always easy for us to do what we are told to do? Our parents may ask us to put our toys away and get ready for bed. We may do as we are told but does our speech and actions show rebellion? Do we respond in an irritated way, put our toys away roughly, or stomp our feet when we head to our room? What would be a proper response and action when we are asked to stop playing and get ready for bed?

Advanced:

Verse: “And the Lord said... And with their lips they honor Me, Yet they remove their heart far from Me...” (Isaiah 29:13a).

Focus: We should not be rebellious in our speech, action, or heart.

Practical Application: Our parents give us a bedtime because they love us and want us to be well rested and healthy. Sometimes we might be doing something fun and may not want to stop and go to bed. Our parents may have to ask us several times to go to bed. Even though we eventually might say, “Yes,” and obey our parents, our heart could be full of rebellion. We may say to ourselves, “Why do I have to go to bed this early? I’m not a baby.” Children who are not rebellious would not have these feelings within their heart.