



8 Basic Reasons Why Kids Disobey

Key Scripture

When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. I Corinth. 13:11

I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made... Psalm 139:14

Listen, my sons, to the instruction of a father, And pay attention so that you may gain understanding... Proverbs 4:1

My son, do not forget my teaching, but have your heart comply ... Proverbs 3:1

Have you found honey? Eat only what you need, So that you do not have it in excess and vomit it. Proverbs 25:16

As the door turns on its hinges, so does a lazy one on his bed. Proverbs 26:14

The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. Proverbs 15:14

Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly; 32 In the end it bites like a snake, and stings like a viper. Proverbs 23:31-32

Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves . . . Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; Romans 13:1-3

Variable Reasons to Watch for and Pray through

- 1. Physiological Hindrance** Psalm 139:14; II Corinthians 4:16
 - [] Check nutritional (high sugar) and medical issues that may be at play, such as poor hearing, hypoglycemia, ADHD, Asperger's, Tourette's, etc.
 - [] Seek help from nutritionists, alternative or traditional medical specialists.
- 2. Inattentiveness** Proverbs 4:1 ; 2:1
 - [] They may just be lost in their own world while we give "drive-by" orders.
 - [] Kneel, get eye contact, hold up your index finger to softly and carefully say: *Honey, I'm going to say this once, only once. Got it? Now...*
- 3. Childish Forgetfulness/Distraction** Proverbs 3:1-4
 - [] Kids, like us, can easily get distracted by a toy on the way to a chore.
 - [] Turn chores into games together (or spot check) w/ a timer and reward.
- 4. Dominant Enthusiasm** Proverbs 25:16, 17 ; 10:19
 - [] Some kids are like Tigger. They act first, think later, and ricochet in life!!
 - [] Use the game/timer thing to teach them bounce and no-bounce times.
- 5. Slothful Apathy** Proverbs 26:14, 16 ; 19:15, 12:24, 27
 - [] Some are lazy and whine about being tired, sick or "That's not fair."
 - [] Say: "Actually, life is never going to be fair, which is why we help each other." Start chores together. Then move to progress/reward charts.
- 6. Temporary Testing Mode** Proverbs 15:14
 - [] Sometimes they will test your limits, while other times be very compliant.
 - [] Give clear warnings and consequences of crossing the line (time out; lost privilege; grounding; fining), and calmly but firmly issue it if they cross it.
- 7. Over-powering Temptation** Proverbs 23:31-32, 27
 - [] Some are like Curious George or get seduced into crossing your lines.
 - [] Limit peer-only time by having more family fun times. Also listen to stories of those rescued from rebellion, drugs, sex, alcohol, and crime.
- 8. Willful/Deceptive Rebellion** Romans 13:1-7
 - [] Jaw-set defiance and rebellion are a showdown of wills. You must win.
 - [] EVERY defiant act MUST result in some kind of corrective consequence. (Child: time out or spanking; Teen: lost privilege, grounding, fining)
 - [] If you spank, do so privately, calmly, and correctively like this:
 - a. Query: "What did you do that was wrong?" Make sure they know.
 - b. Submission: "It's time for you to bend over the bed." Never force it.
 - c. Brokenness: Paddle with firm repetition until they cry/soften/apologize.
 - d. Reassurance: Hold and hug them saying: "I love you so much..."
 - [] If rebellion is continual, separate for a season w/ goal of restoration.
 - [] If still continuing, let them be subject to the law/jail time.