

BECAUSE I SAID SO

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Over the years, I've received my share of letters from people chastising me for giving parents permission to say, "Because I said so." They all say the same thing: "Children need to know the reasons behind the decisions parents make."

No, they don't. Explanations invite argument, and arguments between parent and child are decidedly nonproductive. They go nowhere. The notion that children need to know the reasons behind their parents' decisions implies that children can understand those reasons. They can't. The proof of this is that they never agree with them. No child has ever said, "Well, you know, Mom, now that you've explained yourself so well, I can't help but agree with you about this. Yes, I was wrong." The incontrovertible fact is that if a child doesn't like a decision his parents make, he won't like the reason behind the decision either. Therefore, "Because I said so" is the only explanation a child needs.

Now, hear me clearly: I'm not saying that parents should never give reasons to children. I'm saying parents should make no attempt to reason with children, and the difference is night and day. Reasoning is the futile attempt to persuade a child that your point of view is valid. Face it, children will understand an adult point of view when they are adults, and no sooner. No amount of words will instill an appreciation for an adult point of view into the mind of a child.

If you want to explain yourself, then by all means do so. But don't expect your child to agree. When he doesn't, simply say, "I'm not asking you to agree. I wouldn't agree with me either if I were your age. As I've told you before, you are free to disagree, but you are not free to disobey."

In other words, the child does what he is told not because you succeed at providing an explanation that satisfied him but simply because you told him. Period. So even in the act of giving reasons, the bottom line is still, "Because I said so."



**"WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

SUNDAY

Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Studies @ 11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Studies & Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's/Women's Studies
@ 6:30 p.m.

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN
ANY TRESPASS...
RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

GALATIANS 6:1

CONFESS TRESPASSES

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN
SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

PROVERBS 25:11

"I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies; for the hardest victory is the victory over self."

– Aristotle

"WHOLE COUNSEL"

ACTS 20:27

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POP-UP CHURCH

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That's when saints travel and take the Lord's supper at their vacation spot rather than assemble with the local saints.

Unless a membership, there is no church.

Unless autonomy (one cannot be a member of 2 places simultaneously) there is no church.

Unless some are under the discipline of those who comprise the church, there is no church.

The idea that any group of Christians is a church is false.

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