

**Discussion Questions**  
*Why Can't I Get My Kids To Behave?*

Chapter 4

‘What Obedience Is Not’

1. List the five different tools in this chapter parents typically use that are useless in training kids to obey. Describe each one and why it is ineffective.
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2. List other tools you see parents use with their kids that should be thrown away.
3. What stops parents from holding their kids accountable when they don't accomplishing a task right away?
4. What stops kids from moving from obeying because they have to, to obeying because they want to?
5. Do you give your kids grace more often than you should? Do you give them grace for the wrong reasons? If so, what is one of these reasons? Do you let them know when you are giving them grace?

6. How often do your children complete tasks with a bad attitude? What do you do about it when they have a bad attitude? Does it get them to change their attitude? What can you do differently?
  
7. When your child gets away with a bad attitude, what has he learned?
  
8. Can your children relate to King Saul when completing a task? Do you give consequences when they don't?
  
9. What stops parents from seeing when their children are being disobedient? Do you always see when your kids are not being obedient? How can you be more observant?
  
10. King Saul came up with some pretty good excuses why he didn't have to obey all the way. What kind of excuses do your kids come up with when they don't finish what they are supposed to do? How likely are you to accept their excuses?
  
11. Name one thing that was the most helpful in Chapter 4 that you can begin implementing with your children. How will you begin working on it?