

Deut. 21:18-21 REMOVE THE EVIL SON FROM YOUR MIDST

*“If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, 19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his home town. 20 “And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, **he is a glutton and a drunkard.**’ 21 **“Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear of it and fear.”*** This commandment is referred to as the

commandment that is never obeyed. This commandment is actually talking about a form of kindness. We are kind to our children when we inform them that biblically speaking we have the right to have them stoned to death, but because we are kind, it never happens.

It is meant to curb the child's rebellion and to get them back on track. You may consider it a scare tactic. It's an act of kindness of the parents toward their child. The other choice is to beat the daylights out of them. It's a lot better if you can put this command in front of them and show them how serious the problem is so that they themselves will decide to obey. We are to train and teach them in the way they should go. Notice it says gluttons and drunkards. How can a child be a drunk or glutton? The commandment was designed with a facetious tone to help train a child. Immediately after that we read about a man hanging on a tree. That we are to not allow the man's body to hang on a tree overnight. This is again related to kindness. Kindness is the subject here, not just the literal words about being stoned or a body being humiliated in public. This is about even showing kindness to a murderer who deserved death.

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