

## Restrictive Versus Generative

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Exodus 20:3 Thou Shalt Not.....

**Do not be wise in your own eyes** - Do not rely on your own understanding.

**Do not despise the Lord's discipline**

**Do not forsake your mother's teaching**

**Do not spread slander or gossip**

**Do not answer a fool according to their folly**

**Do not be quick to quarrel**

**Do not withhold good from those who deserve it**

**Do not plot harm against your neighbor**

**Do not rejoice when your enemy falls**

**Do not wear yourself out to get rich**

**Do not be envious of the violent or wicked**

**Do not eat the food of a begrudging host**

Proverbs 6:16-19

**Do not be arrogant or prideful.**

Do not lie, be deceitful, or dishonest.

**Do not shed innocent blood**

**Do not devise wicked plans**

**Do not run swiftly to evil**

Do not spread malicious lies or rumors.

**Do not sow discord among brothers**

Deuteronomy 9:7

Numbers 22:20- 24

## **Judges 2:11-12**

## **Isaiah 1:2-3:**

**Here are the three psychological reasons why this type of parenting is negative.**

- 1) It often triggers resistance or defiance due to the perceived loss of freedom.
- 2) It leaves the person guessing what the correct action is. They may inadvertently repeat the wrong behavior.
- 3) Highlights the forbidden behavior

**Let's move on to Positive Motivating obedience.**

**First the reasons why this works:**

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- 2) Inspires cooperation and motivation because it offers choice and trust.
- 3) Provides a clear, actionable path, making it easier to replace a bad habit with a good one.

## **Matthew 22: 34- 40**

**Positive Motivated Obedience. Remember the reasons why this works? I'll read them again:**

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## **Matthew 6**

**Let me remind you of the three reasons for Positive Motivational Obedience:**

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**All of these scripture I am reading from the ESV:**

**Luke 6:31**

**James 1:22**

[Ephesians 4:32](#)

[Matthew 7:12](#)

[1 Peter 3:9](#)

[Hebrews 13:2](#)

[Romans 3:23](#)

[Ephesians 5:4](#)

[Isaiah 41:10](#)

[1 John 4:20](#)

[Philippians 4:6-7](#)

Our confirmation of the law is in our ability to be obedient to it. The three reasons for Positive Motivational Obedience reiterates this obedience:

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- 3) Provides a clear, actionable path, making it easier to replace a bad habit with a good one.

[John 3:16](#)

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

[Romans 8:28](#)

[Colossians 3:23](#)

[Colossians 3:1](#)

[Philippians 2:14-16](#)

**Telling someone "what not to do" restricts their options, often triggering psychological reactance and focusing their mind on the forbidden action. Telling them "what they can do" provides positive direction, fulfills their sense of autonomy, and redirects their focus toward productive, actionable outcome.**

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)