

## Christ-Centered or Child Centered ?

Child-Centered Home	Christ-Centered Home
<p>Where children learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interrupt adults talking</li> <li>• Use manipulation and rebellion to get their way</li> <li>• Dictate the family schedule</li> <li>• Take precedence over spouse s needs</li> <li>• Have equal or overriding vote</li> <li>• Demand excessive time or attention</li> <li>• Escape the consequences of sinful and irresponsible behavior</li> <li>• Speak to parents as though peers</li> <li>• Be the dominant influence in the home</li> <li>• Be entertained or coddled out of a bad mood</li> <li>• The child perceives that the entire family exists to please him and make him happy.</li> </ul>	<p>Where children learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know the joy of serving others</li> <li>• Cheerfully obey the first time</li> <li>• Not interrupt parents</li> <li>• Not manipulate others</li> <li>• Know that they will not always get their way</li> <li>• Work their schedule around their parents schedule</li> <li>• Have input into decisions but not an equal vote</li> <li>• Understand parents have other God-given responsibilities</li> <li>• Suffer natural consequences for sinful and irresponsible behavior</li> <li>• Honor parents as authorities</li> <li>• Esteem others more important than selves</li> <li>• Fulfill household duties (chores)</li> <li>• Protect themselves from bad influences</li> <li>• Not divide parents on disciplinary issues</li> <li>• Not be more intimate with either parent, than the parents are with each other</li> <li>• The child perceives that the husband is the head of the family and the wife is submissive to her husband. Theirs is the primary relationship.</li> </ul>

(The Heart of Anger, Lou Priolo)