

Christ-Centered or Child Centered ?

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

(The Heart of Anger, Lou Priolo)