Manipulative Behavior

The Behavior of Child	Desired Emotional Response	Parental Reaction	Desired Controlling Effect	Sinful Motives of Child
Accusations	Guilt	Defend self	To procrastinate	Love of pleasure
Criticisms	Shame	Justify actions	To avoid obligation	Love of power
Crying	Embarrassment	Blame shifting	To change parent's mind	Love of praise
"Why" questions	Hurt	Answer "why" questions	To lower parents' standard	Love of power
Obligatory Statements	Anger	Yelling back	To rescind parental punishment	Love of power, love of self
Sulking/pouting				
Whining				
Withholding affection				Love of whatever it is that the child wants more than
Cold shoulder				obeying God.
Telling parent it is all his or her fault				

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