

“What’s A Father To Do?”
Ephesians 6:4
Father’s Day June 17, 2007
Ephesians 6:1-4

What’s Father to do? The Apostle says 4 things:

1. Father’s Provoke Not:
2. Father’s Bring Them Up:
3. Father’s Discipline Them:
4. Father’s Instruct Them:

1. Father’s Provoke Not:

Ephesians 5:18, v- 19 Joy, v-20 Thankfulness, v-21 Submissions.

provoke your children to anger; “to exasperate repeatedly, to cause to seethe with resentment, to irritate.” The description of a tree "the sap of a tree swelling on a hot day."

Colosians 3:21

2. Father’s Bring Them Up:

bring them up - "to nourish up to maturity, to feed in friendliness, gentleness" "tutoring" and "instructing." This is not simply referring to the physical sense but all departments of life.

- Ephesians 5:29
- Luke 2:52
 - wisdom - Mentally
 - stature - Physically
 - in favor with God - Spiritually
 - and men. - Socially

3. Father's Discipline Them:

discipline - "chastening, training, instruction, the whole training and education of children" speaks of "disciplinary correction."

- Proverbs 15:32
- Proverbs 19:18
- Proverbs 22:6
- Proverbs 22:15

"Rod"- "staff, branch, offshoot, scepter, club"

Examples of Discipline:

- Proverbs 13:24
- Proverbs 22:15
- Proverbs 23:13
- Proverbs 23:14
- Proverbs 29:15
- Proverbs 30:17

4. Father's Instruct Them:

instruction - Literally means "to place before the mind, to teach, to warn, to confront."

1. Instruction Of The Word of God -

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Bible Teaches 3 truths that need to be ingrained in us:

1. We have been created by God -
2. We are depraved sinners -
3. We need to be redeemed -

2. Instruction In Prayer that God always wants to hear -

Conclusion:

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