

"Fathers: Bring up your Children in the Training and Admonition of the Lord"

Ephesians 6:4

BIG IDEA:

Parents are to instruct and correct their children in the Lord to bring them to maturity

I. The Instruction to Children:

II. The Instruction to Parents:

1. Fathers (parents) are not to _____ their children to anger

* provoke:

* **The Scriptures** _____ **sufficient to equip you to be the parent God desires you to be.**

2. Parents are to _____ up their children

* **bring them up:** means to nourish up to _____, to nourish in general, to nurture, to bring up from childhood, to raise a child to maturity by providing not just for physical and but also for emotional, _____ and soul needs.

* **Parents:** you are to instill in your children this _____ of desiring the pure milk of the Word

* The example of Jesus: Luke 2:52

3. Parents are to bring up their children in the _____ and _____ of the Lord

* **training:** means to provide _____, with the intent of forming proper habits of behavior, of providing guidance for responsible living, of rearing and guiding a child toward maturity.

* Hebrews 12:5-11

* **admonition:** means literally _____ and implies the teaching of the Lord's ways through His Word. It is any word of encouragement or reproof which leads to correct behavior. It conveys the idea of giving one counsel about avoiding or ceasing an improper course of conduct.

* As God relates to us as His children, so we must relate to our children.

* **The overall goal:** that your children may be _____ in love for God and for others as they _____ in the grace and knowledge of the Savior.

* This involves:

* Seek to bring your children to _____ in Christ.

* Teach them _____ the principles of God's Word

* _____ with consistency and conviction the truths of God's word

* Grace and love should be the _____ characteristics of your life.

* What does this mean to you?