

Ephesians 6 (1-23-11)
The Family Series

PROVOKING CHILDREN (BY NOT PROVOKING)

TEXT: Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Provoke:

"To call into action; to arouse; to excite...To make angry; to offend..."
(Webster's, 1828)

1 Samuel 1:6 And her adversary also **provoked her sore**, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

1 Chronicles 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and **provoked** David to number Israel.

1 Kings 16:2...and hast made my people Israel to sin, to **provoke me** to anger with their sins;

Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, **provoking one another**...

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

"When I had children to bring up, they so far inherited my nature, that they deserved to be whipped often; and they got their deserts! It was true I would rather have taken five blows than to have given one; and yet I put it on to them. And I remembered the precept, 'What your hand finds to do, do it with your might.'" (Henry Ward Beecher)

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which **seemeth right** unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways **of death**.

Proverbs 23:13 **Withhold not** correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul **from hell**.

Proverbs 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and **let not thy soul spare** for his crying.

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Hebrews 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us **after their own pleasure**; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

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"There are many parents who, in inflicting chastisement, are guided just by the impulse of the moment, and have no direct reference to the ultimate welfare of the child...[They are] more influenced by natural irritation than by a reasonable wish to do his child good."

(John Brown, d. 1787)

"How often we may be moved more by the disturbance of our own comfort than by the sense of our child's need of correction!"

(Ironside, *Proverbs*)

2 Corinthians 9:2...your zeal hath **provoked** very many.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another **to provoke** unto love and to good works:

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Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but **a child left to himself bringeth** his mother to shame.

1 Corinthians 13:5...is not easily provoked...

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and **we gave them reverence**: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Many children act like they are sinfully provoked, when they are simply being provoked in a holy way by holy parents.

Hebrews 12:11 Now **no** chastening for **the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous...**

Proverbs 9:8...rebuke a wise man, and **he will love thee.**

Proverbs 13:18...he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head...

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and **reproofs of instruction are the way of life:**

Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a **wise** man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 29:15 **The rod and reproof give wisdom:** but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Proverbs 15:12 A scorner **loveth not** one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

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Proverbs 26:15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; **it grieveth him** to bring it again to his mouth.

Titus 1:12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, **slow bellies.**

13 This witness is true. **Wherefore rebuke them sharply**, that they may be sound in the faith;

Proverbs 28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

Proverbs 15:10 Correction is **grievous unto him that forsaketh the way**: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

Proverbs 12:1...he that hateth reproof is **brutish**.

Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but **a scorner** heareth not rebuke.

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Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that **he will command his children and his household after him**, and they shall **keep the way of the LORD**, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Isaiah 38:19...the father to the children shall **make known thy truth**.