

Christ Tells Fathers What to Embrace

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 142
Ephesians 6:4b

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Children, submit to your parents, in the Lord; for this is the land.”¹
righteous.² “Honor your father and your mother” (which is the first commandment with a promise),³ “in order that it may turn out well with you, and that you will be long-lived on the land.”⁴ And fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but instead nourish them in the discipline² and confrontation³ of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4 [DJP]

Introduction:

I. One _____ Imperative: *Nourish Them*

A. The Word: *ektrophō* (ek-TREF-oh)

B. Its Necessity:

1. Shown:
 - a. *First*, children are not made by God to be self-nourishing
 - i. God’s _____ shows this *physically*
 - ii. God’s _____ shows this *spiritually* and *intellectually*
 - b. *Second*, children will not “_____” – literally or spiritually
Proverbs ____:15a; ____:15a; ____:15b
2. Applied: the necessity is both _____ and _____

C. Its Scope:

1 Timothy ____:8

D. Its Application:

1. Fathers *must* know _____ and _____
2. Fathers *must* know God’s _____ their _____

II. Two Non-Negotiable Elements:

A. First: *Nourish Them in the Discipline...of the Lord*

1. The word: *paideia* (pie-DAY-ah)
 - a. Related to *pais*, meaning *child*
 - b. Note 2 Timothy ____:16
 - c. Also note Hebrews ____:4-6
2. Its necessity:
 - a. To show _____ (Proverbs ____:11-12; ____:24)

¹ Or *earth*. Quoting Deuteronomy 5:16; cf. Exodus 20:12.

² Or *training*, or *education*.

³ Or *admonition*, or *counseling*.

- b. To drive home _____ instruction (Proverbs ____:19)
- c. To drive out _____ (Proverbs ____:15)
- d. Effectively to underscore God's _____ (Proverbs ____:15)
 - i. *Second* line first
 - ii. *First* line's two elements
 - iii. I believe this is what is behind Paul's thinking in Ephesians 6:4

3. Its scope: ...*of the Lord*

4. Its application:

B. The Second Non-Negotiable Element: *in... the Confrontation of the Lord*

- 1. The word: *nouthesia* (noo-theh-SEE-ah)
 - a. Two elements: *Nous* = *mind* + *tithēmi* = put, place
 - b. It means putting something before someone's mind, alerting him
 - c. This is what Paul says he does (Colossians ____:28):

2. Its necessity:

Proverbs ____:6

Start out a child according to his *own* way,
even when he grows old, he will not turn from it. [DJP]

3. Its scope: *of the Lord*

4. Its application:

- a. Again, it's all over Proverbs
 - i. About _____ (Proverbs ____:5-8)
 - ii. About _____ in general (Proverbs ____:3)
 - iii. About choosing _____ (Proverbs ____:20)
 - iv. About _____ (Proverbs ____:23)
 - v. About _____ (Proverbs ____:3-4, 21-22)
- b. So...