

“Fathers: Do not Provoke your Children to Wrath” Ephesians 6:4

BIG IDEA:

Parents are not to exasperate their children

I. The Instruction to Children:

1. Children must be _____ with the Spirit in order to _____ and _____ their parents in a way that pleases both their parents and God
2. God _____ children to obey their parents
 * obey:
3. Children must obey their parents as an act of _____ to the Lord
4. The extent of this obedience is _____ (Col 3:20)
5. Children are to _____ their parents
6. Children are to honor their parents because God _____ to bless them if they do.

II. The Instruction to Parents:

- * Paul first gives the _____ command and then the _____ one.
1. Fathers (parents) are not to _____ their children to anger
 * Hebrews 11:23
 * provoke:

 * Not provoking your children involves _____ attitudes, words, and actions which would drive a child to angry _____ or resentment and thus rules out excessively severe discipline, unreasonably harsh demands, abuse of authority, arbitrariness, unfairness, constant nagging and condemnation, subjecting a child to humiliation, and all forms of gross insensitivity to a child's needs and sensibilities.
 2. Children become exasperated when:

* parents don't provide _____.

* their parents' discipline is _____.

* _____ is withheld as a means of discipline.

* their parents' discipline is _____.

* there is a lack of _____.

* there is _____ instruction.

* there is _____.

* their parents show _____, often unwittingly.

* their parents _____ their worth.

* their parents are overly critical and _____.

* their parents _____ to keep promises.

* their parents _____ admit they are wrong.

* their parents are _____.

* their parents _____ them.

* their parents inadvertently communicate to them that they are _____.

* their parents are _____.

* their parents are weak with their _____.

* What does this mean to you?