

Children and Fathers
Ephesians 6:1-4

Children – two commands, two reasons

1. **Command** – *"obey your parents"*

"in the Lord" –

* Reason –

"for this is right"

2. **Command** – *"honor your father and mother"* (This is the first commandment with a promise.)

* Reason –

Is this guaranteeing a long life?

Fathers – a negative warning, a positive admonition

1. Negative warning – *"Do not provoke your children to anger."*

Top ten ways to raise an angry kid:

1. Set _____ expectations.
2. Use your _____ for personal _____.
3. Give your child _____ he/she _____.
4. React with _____ consequences.
5. Be a _____ person at _____ than at church.
6. Live your _____ through your _____.
7. Don't follow through on your _____.
8. Be _____.
9. _____ your kids often.
10. Speak _____.

2. Positive admonition – *"Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."*

- a _____ persistence – *"bring them up"*
"bring them up" =

- a _____ training – *"in the discipline"*
"discipline" =

- a _____ influence – *"instruction of the Lord"*

"This shepherding process is a richer interaction than telling your child what to do and think. It involves investing your life in your child in open and honest communication that unfolds the meaning and purpose of life. It is not simply direction, but direction in which there is self-disclosure and sharing. Values and spiritual vitality are not simply taught, but caught."

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