

## How to be a Father God's Way Pt.3

July 5, 2015 Sunday AM

### REQUIREMENTS OF THE BIBLICAL FATHER

1. Pray
2. Lead
3. Teach
4. Discipline
5. Do Not Provoke

#### Colossians 3:21

**"FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER, LEST THEY BE DISCOURAGED."**

NAS – "*Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart."*

#### Ephesians 6:4

**"AND, YE FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH: BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD."**

### WAYS FATHERS PROVOKE CHILDREN:

#### HARSHNESS WITHOUT TENDERNESS - *balance severity with patient understanding*

*Needless severity creates an adversarial relationship with the child.*

*Psalm 103:13–14*

*13 Like as a father pitieth his children, So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

*14 For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.*

*Matthew 23:1–4*

*1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,*

*2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:*

*3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*

*4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.*

*2 Samuel 22:36*

*"Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: And thy gentleness hath made me great."*

## **DISCIPLINE WITHOUT AFFIRMATION - *affirmation prevents hopeless humiliation***

*Discipline without affirmation is punishment; discipline with affirmation is correction.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:11*

*"As ye know how we exhorted (parakaleo - to call to one's side, to strengthen by encouragement) and comforted (to calm and console) and charged (to testify, to call to witness) every one of you, as a father doth his children."*

*Philippians 2:12*

*"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

*2 Timothy 1:5-6*

*5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

*6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.*

*7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

*8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

## **TEACHING WITHOUT EXAMPLE - *hypocrisy and a double-standard breed resentment and contempt***

*Hypocrisy leaves the child with no example to follow.*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

*12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:*

*13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*

*Romans 2:1-3*

*1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.*

*2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.*

*3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?*

*1 Timothy 4:11-12*

*11 These things command and teach.*

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

#### **IMAGE WITHOUT VULNERABILITY - creates confusion and condemnation because of unrealistic expectations**

1 Corinthians 15:8–10

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Timothy 1:12–16

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemers, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

#### **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE - love independent of performance**

Nothing your child could do would ever diminish your love for them.

Luke 22:31–34

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

- undiminished love and forgiveness in spite of the failure
- continual prayer in the midst of the failure
- renewed obedience, hope and purpose after the failure

#### **DISCIPLINE IN ANGER AND/OR SELFISHNESS - the child perceives anger and selfishness in discipline as hatred**

Philippians 2:3

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Never discipline in:

- anger
- irritation
- selfishness
- inconvenience
- embarrassment
- vicarious personal fulfillment
- vainglory

2 Timothy 3:15–17

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Proverbs 4:10–13

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; And the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; And when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life.

**RESTRICTION WITHOUT LIBERTY - *overbearing restriction retards the child's maturity, taking away opportunities of growth in liberty***

Galatians 4:1–2

1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

1 Timothy 1:8–9

8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners...

Hebrews 5:13–14

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.