

**Ephesians 6:4~ And you, fathers, do not be irritating<sup>1</sup> your children, but go on bringing them up in the discipline and mental-regulating<sup>2</sup> of Yehowah.<sup>3</sup>**

**Footnote:** Literally, not be you provoking to wrath

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**Footnote:** See Appendix 1D

**1· Fathers are also counseled to teach their children in the way of righteousness for this is their responsibility. It is irritating to children, not to have firm, but loving guidelines, for all their conduct. They will try things as they grow up, but if they are counseled by their fathers, before these things even come up, it will smooth out the way for both fathers and their children.**

**[Question]** What course are all fathers counseled to bring up their children in?

**[Question]** What is frustrating for young children, and how does instruction and firm discipline, smooth out the way of growing to maturity?

**2· What way though should they be taught. They should be studying the Bible with them, and teaching them to apply Christian principles, in every matter of life, while allowing them the freedom as young Christians themselves, to express this in their own way, and to grow at a pace, they themselves can support. This is raising a child in the discipline and mental-regulation of Yehowah God. Fathers also must set a fine example of all the things they teach to their own children.**

**[Question]** How, and by whom, should young children be taught?

**[Question]** What then, constitutes raising a child in the discipline and mental regulating of Yehowah God?

**[Question]** What must fathers always set themselves?

**3· You fathers, do not be exasperating your children, so that they do not become downhearted. (Colossians 3:21)**

**[Question]** How could lack of direction cause exasperation for children?

**4· Train up a boy according to the way for him. Even when he grows old, he will not turn aside from it. (Proverbs 22:6)**

**[Question]** What does the Bible counsel, and promise, if we train our children thus?

- 5· The **discipline** of **Yehowah**, O my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his reproof. (**Proverbs 3:11**)

**[Question]** What did the congregator counsel his sons not to reject?

- 6· The one holding back his rod is hating his son, but the one loving him is he that does look for him with **discipline**. (**Proverbs 13:24**)

**[Question]** What is the one holding back his rod of discipline, and by extension the rod of the Bible, actually feeling toward his son?

- 7· Chastise your son while there exists hope, and to the putting of him to death, do not lift up your soulful desire. (**Proverbs 19:18**)

**[Question]** What should a parent do to their children, while hope exists?

- 8· All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)

**[Question]** What is the Bible useful to anointed Christians for, and what should fathers study with this children?

- 9· Only watch out for yourself and take good care of your soul, that you may not forget the things, that your eyes have seen, and that they may not depart from your heart all the days of your life. You must make them known to your sons and to your grandsons. (**Deuteronomy 4:9**)

**[Question]** What were the Israelites who walked through the wilderness, told not to forget, and to teach to their future generations?

- 10· And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk on the road, and when you lie down, and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 6:7**)

**[Question]** When should fathers take the time of talk to their children about scriptural principles, and inculcate them into them?

- 11· In case your son should ask you in a future day, saying;

**What do the testimonies and the regulations and the judicial decisions mean, that **Yehowah** our God has commanded you? (**Deuteronomy 6:20**)**

**[Question]** What should fathers have a ready answer for their children respecting the reasons, for why they do things the way they do them?

- 12· So as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment. (**Proverbs 2:2**)**

**[Question]** What should children be taught to pay attention to with the ear, and with the heart?

- 13· The Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** himself has opened my ear, and I, for my part, was not rebellious. I did not turn in the opposite direction. (**Isaiah 50:5**)**

**[Question]** What does the Messiah say about listening to the word of his father, and how he responded to it?

- 14· And it must occur that when your sons say to you; What does this service mean to you? (**Exodus 12:26**)**

**[Question]** What should fathers understand, about why things are done in pure worship?

- 15· The day that you stood before **Yehowah** your God in Horeb, when **Yehowah** said to me; Congregate the people together to me that I may let them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they are alive on the soil and that they may teach their sons. (**Deuteronomy 4:10**)**

**[Question]** Why did Yehowah God congregate the people together in Horeb under Moses?

- 16· You must also teach them to your sons, so as to speak of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk on the road, and when you lie down, and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 11:19**)**

**[Question]** What command were fathers given to teach their offspring?

- 17· And their sons who have not known should listen, and they must learn to fear **Yehowah** your God all the days that you are living upon the soil, to which you are crossing the**

**Jordan to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 31:13)**

**[Question]** What should they teach to all their sons, so as to keep living on the good land Yehowah gave them?

- 18· Then Manoah said; Now let your words come true. What will become the child's mode of life and his work? (Judges 13:12)**

**[Question]** What did Manoah approve of, about his wife's oath to Yehowah regarding Samuel?

- 19· And he proceeded to raise up a reminder in Jacob, and a Law he set in Israel, things that he commanded our forefathers, to make them known to their sons. (Psalms 78:5)**

**[Question]** What was a Law, that commanded the Israelite fathers to teach their children?

- 20· Listen, my son, to the discipline of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (Proverbs 1:8)**

**[Question]** What are children commanded to listen to, and accept?

- 21· There exists the one speaking thoughtlessly as with the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is a healing. (Proverbs 12:18)**

**[Question]** What is the tongue of the wise ones, toward others?

- 22· Do not hold back discipline from the mere boy. In case you beat him with the rod, he will not die. (Proverbs 23:13)**

**[Question]** What way should parents look toward their undisciplined children, and what will not kill them, if properly used to effect this discipline?

**[Question]** What is the rod of discipline symbolically in a spiritual sense?

- 23· The rod and reproof are what give wisdom, but a boy let on the loose will be causing his mother shame. (Proverbs 29:15)**

**[Question]** What will give wisdom to a mere boy?

**[Question]** What will a child let on the loose cause his parents?

- 24· A man presiding over his own household in a fine manner, having **children** in subjection with all seriousness. (**1 Timothy 3:4**)

**[Question]** What must an overseer have in subjection with all seriousness?

- 25· That they may recall the young women to their senses to love their husbands, to love their **children**. (**Titus 2:4**)

**[Question]** What should women always exercise toward their children?