

Col 3:21 - Jesus' Guidance for Dads

Father's Day 2015

Col 3:21 NIV Fathers, do not **embitter** your children, or they will become **discouraged**.

Eph 6:4 NIV Fathers, do not **exasperate** your children; instead, bring them up in the **training** and **instruction** of the Lord.

In each case he addresses the **Father**

In each case he tells us **not to embitter or exasperate** our children

In one case he describes the **outcome** if we do

- They will become discouraged

In the other case he gives instruction about **what to do instead**

- Bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD

In each case he addresses the FATHER

- The raising of children is the responsibility of the Father
- This is our accountability before the LORD (you cannot delegate accountability)
 - When Eve sinned - the LORD confronted Adam
 - Gen 3:9 NIV But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
 - Our wives are there to assist - but we must lead the way

In each case he tells us not to embitter or exasperate our children

Col 3:21- Embitter - Do not provoke

- Of uncertain affinity; a quarrel, that is, (by implication) wrangling: - contention, debate, strife, variance

Eph 6:4 - Exasperate - Anger

List of 25 Ways to Provoke Anger in Our Children

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lack of marital harmony● Establishing and maintaining a child-centered home● Modeling sinful anger● Habitually disciplining in anger● Scolding● Being inconsistent with discipline● Having double standards● Being legalistic● Not admitting you're wrong and not asking for forgiveness● Constantly finding fault● Parents reversing God-given roles● Not listening to your child's opinion or taking his or her 'side of the story' seriously | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Comparing them to others● Not making time 'just to talk'● Not praising or encouraging your child● Failing to keep your promises● Chastening in front of others● Not allowing enough freedom● Allowing too much freedom● Mocking your child● Abusing them physically● Ridiculing or name calling● Unrealistic expectations● Practicing favoritism● Child training with worldly methodologies inconsistent with God's Word |
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In one case he describes the **outcome** if we do exasperate or provoke them

Lest they become DISCOURAGED

- [Without passion](#) - to be spiritless, that is, disheartened: - be dismayed.
- Do not quench the spirit
 - 1Th 5:19 NIV Do not quench the Spirit.
- Before you were in your mother's womb
 - Jer 1:5

In the other case he gives instruction about **what to do instead**

Training - [Strong's] - tutorage, that is, education or training; by implication disciplinary correction: - chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.

This includes impartation of Scripture

- 2Ti 3:16-17 NIV All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and **training** in righteousness, (17) so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- 2Ti 3:15 NIV and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

This includes rebuke and discipline

- Heb 12:5-6 NIV And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and ***do not lose heart when he rebukes you***, (6) **because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.**"

Instruction

[Strong's] - calling attention to, that is, (by implication) mild rebuke or warning: - admonition.-
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Don't Waste Your God-Given Influence

INFLUENCE to affect a HEART for ETERNITY

Pro 17:6 ESV Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory **of children is their fathers.**

You have to be willing to have compassion

Psa 103:13-18 NIV As a father has **compassion** on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; (14) for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

1Th 2:11-12 NIV For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, (12) **encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God**, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

You have to be willing to bring discipline

Fathers - be willing to bring discipline

Pro 13:24 NIV Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but **the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.**

Proper discipline can affect your child's heart

Pro 22:15 NIV Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.

No Greater Joy

I have no greater joy

3Jn 1:4 NIV I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.