

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
—Ephesians 6:4 ESV

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Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.
—Ephesians 6:4 MSG

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Contrasts:

- Fathers who exasperate their children
- Fathers who equip their children

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Exasperation

“to excite or inflame anger; to enrage, irritate, or annoy; to make grievous.”

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“The Bible is a balanced book. God does not command children to obey their parents without giving an injunction to parents. Fathers are not to provoke their children to wrath by being unreasonable in their demands, outrageous in their punishments, or inconsistent in their examples, rules and controls...”

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“Children are not mindless objects to be bossed and bullied; they are people who have thoughts, feelings, hopes, fears, likes, and dislikes... they need respect as people but because they are little people, they need constant supervision, counsel and limits.”

—J.B. Phillips

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What brings exasperation?

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Indulgence

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When fathers indulge their children,
they “give in” to their kids rather
than “give up” themselves.

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Harshness

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When fathers are harsh, they rule
their children by law without love.

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Rules without Relationships = Rebellion
—Josh McDowell

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How do I equip my children?

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You show up when you...

Celebrate Their Presence

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You show up when you...

Love Their Mother

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You show up when you...

Stay Close to Home

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“Error increases with distance.”
—Steve Farrar

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You show up when you...

Live Your Convictions

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You show up when you...
Provide Wisdom, not Wealth

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You show up when you...
Hand Over Responsibility

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You show up when you...
Offer Your Forgiveness

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You show up when you...
Surround With Prayer

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