

The Power Of A Good Dad

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“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NAB)

Bible word “to provoke” means *“To develop in your child a deep seeded anger and resentment that would boil over in an outward hostility as a result of a repeated, ongoing pattern of treatment.”*

Two ways to provoke your children to anger:

1. Showing _____.

Example: Genesis 27 & 37

2. Withholding _____.

“Words kill, and words give life; they’re either poison or fruit – you choose.” Proverbs 18:21 (Message)

Three Ways To Be A Good Dad

1. Be _____.

“Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well...For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12 (TNIV)

2. Be _____.

“Your godly lives will speak to them better than any words.”

1 Peter 3:1 (Living Bible)

3. Be _____.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-7