

UPGRADE YOUR VITAL RELATIONSHIPS

EPHESIANS 6:4 [NLT*]

24 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

[* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted]

BIG IDEA

Fathers, build your children up without breaking them down.

Proverbs 19:18

Proverbs 13:24

Parenthood is _____ from and modeled by God, our Father.

▶ God identifies Himself to us as a **Father**.

- He is the prototype of all fatherhood.
- "Father" is derived from God, not man.
- He is the first Father, the only One with "underived" fatherhood.

Matthew 3:17

Ephesians 3:14-15

Romans 8:15-16

Matthew 12:50

Hebrews 12:5

Parents are _____ for using their God-given authority to train up their children.

Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad.

Proverbs 22:6, 1:8

PRIORITY 7

Fathers, use your God-given authority to _____ & _____ your children without angering them.

1. You are responsible to _____ your authority.

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Colossians 3:21

▶ RED ZONE DISCIPLINE is parenting while you're:

■ **F** -

■ **A** -

■ **I** -

■ **L** -

2. You are responsible to _____ your authority.

Rather, **bring them up** with the **discipline** and **instruction** that comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 4:4

- ▶ **Correct** them = bring them up with **discipline**.

Proverbs 22:15

- ▶ **Coach** them = bring them up with **instruction**.

- Tell _____

Psalms 78:4 We will not hide these truths from our children;
we will tell the next generation
about the glorious deeds of the Lord,
about his power and his mighty wonders.

- Model _____

Deuteronomy 11:19 Teach them to your children.
Talk about them when you are at home and
when you are on the road, when you are going to bed
and when you are getting up.

- Teach _____

2 Timothy 3:15 ¹You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood,
and they have given you the wisdom
to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

Fathers, what are some ways to upgrade your family with grace-filled parenting?

1. **Take** _____. Never surrender your responsibility to someone else.
2. **Take** _____. Make & take all the time & trouble you need for training your children.
3. **Take** _____. Use real life everyday circumstances to teach the story of God in real time.