

L7: Ephesians 6:1-4 - The Pattern & Instruction of Godly Parenting Pt. 2

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The primary influence of children comes from the parents.
- This influence permeates as the husband and wife walk after the Spirit in their instructions in God's Word for a godly marriage.
- They influence by carrying out of their teaching ministry toward their child(ren).

Sermon Preview:

- Bringing them up is the primary responsibility of parents to their children.
- Bringing them up in the Lord, specifically His nurture and admonition.
- Therefore, we primarily bring them up by teaching them.

Sermon:

Do Not Provoke to Anger

- Don't be over protective
- Don't show favoritism
- Unrealistic goals and expectations
- Don't allow Overindulgence - getting away with their sin, unbridled pursuance of sin
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27 - not a guilt from what we did, but from what we didn't do
 - 2 Corinthians 7:8-11
- Discourage them
 - Take time to understand your kids
 - Determine why they are acting a certain way
 - Give them a listening ear and reward them graciously with love
 - Be patient
- Failing to make sacrifices
 - Children are not an intrusion into your life
 - Don't communicate that they are a bother and they get in the way of what you want to do or where you want to go.
 - Freedom parenting

- Your own fun instead of having fun with them doing what they would like and including them in things you do.
- Children ought not have to fend for themselves
 - 2 Cor. 12:14
- By Neglect - children should be constantly aware of your love for them
 - Verbally and physically demonstrate it
- Failing to allow them to grow up
 - Galatians 4:1-4
- Abusive Words
 - We can cut a little child's heart to shreds
 - Words spoken in anger, sarcasm, or ridicule
 - Children unable to defend themselves - we would teach them not to defend themselves
 - Feel rejected
- Physical Abuse
 - Hebrews 12:5-7
 - Love is always His preeminent attitude
 - Just and with good reason
 - Discipline isn't when your angry

Bring Up

- Maturity
- 1 Peter 2:1-3

Nurture & Admonition of the Lord

- **"nurture"** - That which promotes growth; education;
 - More proactive
- **"admonition"** - Gentle reproof; counseling against a fault
 - More reactive
- **"gentle"** - Mild; meek; soft; bland; not rough, harsh or severe; as a gentle nature, temper or disposition (nurse, mother)
 - **"cherish"** - To treat with tenderness and affection; to give warmth, ease or comfort to.
 - **"charge"** - To rush on; to fall on; to attack - to lay on (father)
- **"comfort"** - To strengthen; to invigorate; to cheer or enliven; To strengthen the

mind when depressed or enfeebled; to console;

- **"exhort"** - To incite by words or advice; to animate or urge by arguments to a good deed or to any laudable conduct or course of action.
- Nurture & Admonition
 - Nurture:
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 (instruction), Hebrews 12:5 (chastening),
 - Admonition:
 - Romans 15:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 2 Thessalonians 3:15, Titus 3:10
 - Proverbs 4:23 - watch over child's heart
 - Mark 7:21-23
 - World's smallest battlefield is the child's heart, and the conquering of it calls for all-out hand-to-hand combat.

Teach

- Deut. 6:6-7
- Deut. 11:19
- Ps. 127:3

- Job_6:24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

- Proverbs 1:8, 2:1-4, 3:1, 21-23, 4:1-27, 5:1, 6:20, 7:1-3

- 2 Timothy 1:4-5, 3:14-15

Teach What

- Teach Children to Acknowledge God
 - Holiness of God
 - Beginning of the Gospel

- Teach Children to Love God
 - Love the Lord thy God

- Teach Children to Obey God
- Teach Children to Follow Your Example
- Teach Children with Ongoing Repetition
- Teach Children the Fear of the Lord - Don't forget (Prov. 1:7, 3:5-6)
- Teach Children to Guard Minds (Prov. 3:3-4)
- Teach Children to Obey Their Parents (Prov. 4:10-11, 20-21) (Prov. 22:15)
- Teach Children to Select Companions Carefully (1 Cor. 15:33, Prov. 1:10)

- Excitement, adventure, secrecy (special), promise (Prov. 2:11-13)
 - Teach Children to Control Their Body
 - Passions, Lusts
 - Teach Children to Enjoy Their Spouse (Prov. 5:15-19)
 - Teach Children to Watch Their Words (Prov. 4:24, 10:11, 14, 18, 20, Eph. 4:29, Col. 4:3)
 - Teach Children to Work Hard (Prov. 6:6-8, 22:29, 10:4-5, Rom. 12, Luk. 17:7-10)
- If you fail:
- To teach, the devil will
 - To guard, they will have an open mind
 - To obey parents, they will rebel
 - To choose friends, they will get in the wrong crowd
 - To control bodies, unbridled pursuance of lust
 - To enjoy spouse, teach to destroy marriage by adultery
 - To watch words, be filled with cursing
 - To work hard, will be lazy and impoverished

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize