

Text: Ephesians 6:4

Paradise Valley Community Church

Topic: Family

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Series: Ephesians

Title: Not for the Faint of Heart: Parenting

Introduction

I. Parents _____ Them (v.4a)

II. Parents _____ Them (v.4b)

III. Parents _____ Them (v.4c)

Conclusion

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message.

Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. How would you explain the relationship between God holding children responsible for obeying and honoring their parents and the parents being responsible for not provoking their children to anger? In what case would sin be on both parties?

2. The sermon listed several ways parents could provoke their children to anger. Which one stood out to you? How can you correct this sin in your life?

3. Parents are to nurture their children. Turn to Deuteronomy 6:4-7. What does nurturing mean coming from this text? How important is Bible truth in your own life first as a parent?

4. The heart of the child needs to be a primary focus. Why is that? Why is behavior modification, not the right goal? Why is a functioning member of society not enough? Why does a focus on the heart lead a parent to pray?

Recommended Resources

MacArthur, John F., Jr. *What the Bible Says about Parenting: Biblical Principles for Raising Godly Children*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2000.

Tripp, Tedd. *Shepherding a Child's Heart (2nd Edition)*. Wapwallopen, PA: Shepherd Press, 2003.