

# Happy Father's Day



Forest Hills Bible Chapel  
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## Raising Co-Laborers for God's Kingdom

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I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and he would have helped me on your behalf... It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

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- Be a spiritual Father to those God places in your path
- Release them to what God has for them
- Not parenting for Self!
- Raising brothers/sisters to serve and worship with

# Fatherhood “How-To”

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

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.**

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### Proverbs for Fatherhood

14:29 People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.

15:1 A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

15:4 Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

16:32 Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city. [*or a child*]

18:13 Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

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1 Cor 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. **It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and keeps no record of being wronged.**

It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

# Rather bring them up with the discipline ...that comes from the Lord

## Proverbs

3:12 For the Lord corrects those he loves; just as a Father corrects a child in whom he delights.

5:22 An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.

13:24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children.  
Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

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**Discipline is also an opportunity to teach about Grace!**

Philemon 17-19 (NLT)

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. **If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.** I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL!

# Rather bring them up with the ... instruction that comes from the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT)

Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. **Repeat them again and again 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.** Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

# ...from the Lord

Proverbs 14:26-27

Those who fear the LORD are secure; he will be a refuge for their children. Fear of the LORD is a life-giving fountain; it offers escape from the snares of death.

Ephesians 6:11-13 (NLT)

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.