
How have you seen or experienced the consequences of not teaching children God's Word and ways? Parents: In what ways are you diligently teaching your children God's Word and ways? Where do you need to grow in your instruction of them? Others: Who in your life do you have the opportunity to instruct in God's Word and ways, and how can you be diligent to use your life to instruct them?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Review the Stages of Parenting. Parents: How can you apply these principles to your current stage(s) of parenting? What do you need to adjust to parent on purpose in your current stage(s)? Others: Who in your life can you be investing in? Who can you be a spiritual mother or father to, and what steps do you need to take toward this goal?

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Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:7-11, Deuteronomy 6:4-9

HOW WELL AM I BALANCING ______ AND _____ AND _____ WITH MY CHILDREN?

I. Do not _____ your children. – v. 4

Do my kids show ______ of being provoked?

II. _____ your children in the Lord. – v. 4

 Loving Discipline: A ______ of ______

 _______ supplied by a _______ in response to

 _______ by a child to offset the momentary _______

 ______ and rescue them from a lifetime (or eternity) of self-inflicted pain.

III. _____ your children in the Lord. – v. 4

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Ephesians 6:4. Give some examples of how parents can provoke children. Give some example of how parents can discipline and instruct children in the Lord.

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Parents: What are some ways you have provoked your children? How do you know? What can you do to correct this? Others: How can you apply this command to not provoke others you lead in your life?

Why is discipline essential in the life of a child? Parents: How has your discipline of your children modeled God the Father, and how has it not? Based on the definition Pastor Micah gave, what step can you take to better discipline your children in the Lord? Others: How has the discipline you received from parents or the Lord impacted your life and walk with Christ?