

CHILDREN AS ARROWS - 7

Provoke not to wrath

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) (AMP) (TPT)

- To “provoke to anger”- an ongoing pattern of treatment that gradually builds up a deep-seated anger and resentment that boils over in outward hostility.
- Hebrews 12:9 (NKJV)
- We may cause our children to build up resentment towards us and Christ. (“The training and admonition of the Lord”)
- Our parenting sets the rhythms of our children’s relationship with God.
- Provoked to disobey and dishonor vs. Trained to obey and honor (**3 lines on slide)

[The ways (there are others) that you may be provoking your child]

1. Disciplining (in any form) out of anger – James 1:20
2. Spanking too hard, too young, too old, too much...
 - Proverbs 22:15 – rod of correction (not wrath)
 - Proverbs 29:15 – rod of reproof and instruction
3. Physical or verbal abuse – demeaning; tone; condescending
 - Ephesians 4:29
 - Proverbs 18:20-21
4. Inconsistency – it’s all according to your mood
 - Proverbs 28:15-16 (NKJV)
5. Unclear of infraction – “Why am I in trouble?”
 - Disobedience and dishonor
6. Discipline in public or in front of siblings
 - 1 Peter 4:8 – Love **covers** a multitude of sin...
7. Favoritism among children (Jacob for Joseph)
 - Genesis 37:4 -
 - Blended families

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8. Discipline for being human – any failing, falling or forgetting
 - Proverbs 24:16
9. Unreasonable or too strict (legalism)
 - Acts 15:10 (NKJV)
10. Disengaged parenting
 - Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV)

Take Away

1. Promises are unlocked through honor and obedience.
2. We can train our children towards honor and obedience or towards dishonor and disobedience.
3. The way of the Lord is love and grace not guilt and condemnation.