

Ephesians 6 (1-30-11)

The Family Series

THE NOURISHING PADDLE!

TEXT: Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up **in the nurture** and admonition of the Lord.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Job 21:14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the **knowledge of thy ways**.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths, where is the good way**, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

"Fathers, do not **exasperate** your children; instead, bring them up in the **training** and instruction of the Lord."

(NIV)

Admonish:

"To warn or notify of a fault..." (*Webster's*, 1828)

Acts 27:9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, **Paul admonished them,**

10 And said unto them, Sirs, **I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.**

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and **admonish you;**

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Isaiah 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have **nourished** and brought up children...

Isaiah 23:4...nor bring forth children, neither do I **nourish** up young men...

- We get our word *nutrition* today from this word; and you can see the connection between *nurture* and *nutrition* and *nourishment*.

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1 Timothy 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished up in the words of faith** and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; **I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.**

Ephesians 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies...

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth** and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Nurture:

"That which **promotes** growth; education; instruction." (*Webster's*, 1828)

Isaiah 38:19...the father to the children shall **make known thy truth.**

Nurture:

"...upbringing, training, education..." (*Oxford Dict.*)

- For example, Tyndale sometimes uses the word *nurture* for the word *teach*, as in Titus 2: "*teach* the young women" (KJV). Tyndale's version has: "*nurture* the young women."

Nurture:

"To discipline and chasten." (*Oxford Dict.*)

Proverbs 29:15 The **rod and reproof give wisdom**: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

1 Kings 12:11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath **chastised** you with whips, but I will **chastise** you with scorpions. (KJV)

"...My father **correcte** you with scourges, but I wyl **nourtoure** you with scorpions."
(Coverdale, 1535)

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him **chasteneth** him betimes.

(*Betimes*: Early; while he has the greatest opportunity).

"He that spareth the rodde, hateth his sonne: but who so loueth him, holdeth him euer **in nurtoure.**"
(*Coverdale's version*, 1535; *Matthew's version* of 1549).

Deuteronomy 11:2 And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen **the chastisement of the LORD** your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm, (KJV)

"And call to mynde this daye that which youre childern haue nether knowen nor sene: euen **the nurture** of the Lorde youre God, his greatnesse..."

(Tyndale's version, 1534)

Micah 7:14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage...

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did **eat them**; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart...

"With it [the rod] also he corrects them when disobedient, and brings them back when wandering."

(W. M. Thomson)

"...it is a work which doth breed much joy and comfort in the hearts of God's people, when God doth put them out of a lazy, cold, formal walking, and doth, some way or other, cause them to mend their pace, to grow more active and fervent in his service and worship...the sheep sometimes are idly and inconsiderately straying from the flock, grazing alone, and wandering after other pastures, not considering the dangers which attend them by such a separation and wandering; and, therefore, the shepherd doth with his rod strike and fetch them in again, and so preserve them."

(Obadiah Sedgwick)

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; **thy rod and thy staff they comfort me**.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, **lest they be discouraged**.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless **afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.