

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, August 28, 2022**

**Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage**

**Message 16. God's Plan for Parenting – Part 2 – Provoke Not - Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21**

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Intro: Part 2 – Moving backward through the text, last week we examined what it means Scripturally to train up your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This week we look at the admonition for parents, specifically fathers, to not provoke and discourage their children. What does the text mean and what can we do as parents to encourage instead of discourage our children?

- I. Do Not Provoke – Eph. 6:4a; Col. 3:21
  - A. Provoke to Anger (Eph. 6:4)
    1. Provoke – irritate
    2. Anger – to make mad
  - B. Exasperate and Embitter (Col. 3:21)
    1. Provoke – incite, exasperate
    2. Discouraged – to make resentful, to dishearten, to make someone want to give up
- II. Provoking God
  - A. Sin
    1. Not listening to
    2. Forgetting
    3. Sinning against
  - B. Idolatry
    1. To provoke to jealousy
    2. Worship/follow other gods
- III. Love Does Not Provoke – 1 Cor. 13:5
- IV. How to Provoke Your Children
  - A. Disappearing
    1. Absence
    2. Not understanding that attention is not love
    3. Emotional distance/coldness
  - B. Discipline
    1. In anger – harsh, violent, abusive
    2. In love – correction that is meant to be restorative
    3. Security is found in routine and boundaries
  - C. Discipleship
    1. Neglect – leaving it to someone else
      - a. Who are your children following?
      - b. Who is being allowed to provoke your children to anger and discouragement?
    2. Encouragement – training, edification
- V. Examples
  - A. Set an Example – John 13:5; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12
  - B. Enable Obedience
    1. Instruction – what to do and how to do it – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
    2. Motivation – the want to – Phil. 2:13
    3. Supply – Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 9:10-11
  - C. Expect Excellence – Matt. 5:48; 1 Peter 1:15-16
  - D. The Example of the Elders - 1 Tim. 3:4-5; Titus 1:6; 1 Peter 5:1-4

## **Cross References**

### **1 Corinthians 13:5**

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

### **John 13:5**

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

### **Philippians 3:17**

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

### **1 Timothy 4:12**

12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### **Philippians 2:13**

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

### **Philippians 4:19**

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

### **Matthew 5:48**

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

### **1 Peter 1:15-16**

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

### **1 Timothy 3:4-5**

4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

### **Titus 1:6**

6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

## **1 Peter 5:1-4**

5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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