

# A Verse for Fathers, Uncles, and Grandfathers

Ephesians 6:4

Father's Day, June 21, 2020

*Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Don't stir up anger in your children = don't provoke to wrath (KJV)

**"We teach what we know, we reproduce what we are."** (Eph. 4:31-32)

fault-finding and withholding praise embitter children (Col. 3:21)

Bring them up = **nourish**, feed (Eph. 5:29)

Training = giving life skills; *"training in righteousness"* (2 Tim. 3:16)

The whole training and education of children as relates to the principles and practices of moral thinking and behavior, including commands and examples, correction and punishment (Prov. 3:11-12 = Heb. 12:5-6).

Instruction = from a father to a child, includes **warning**

(Proverbs 2:1, 3:1, 4:1, 5:1, 6:1, 7:1 all begin *"My son . . ."*)

Of the Lord = the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is **worthy**

The sphere of raising sons and daughters is to teach His words, impart His wisdom, in His strength, and all for His glory!

## What Dads *don't* teach may be as important as what they do

1. My Dad never taught me to **cuss** (Proverbs 4:24)

illus. "Praise the Lord"

2. My Dad never taught me to **disrespect** women

*"Honor your father and mother"* (Eph. 6:1; Prov. 1:8; 23:22-25)

No **dirty** jokes

No **fun** at their expense (trick, tease, embarrass, scare)

3. My Dad never taught me to be ashamed about my **faith**

(Proverbs 11:30)

He always keeps **tracts** on hand to give away

He has a keen interest in **other** people's lives

He has **confidence** in Jesus' ability to save