

responsibility we fathers have--and of the great privilege. All of us who answer to "Hey, Dad!" have at least one child who looks to us for protection, love, guidance, friendship, training, discipline, and so much more.

I must say that I can't think of a more rewarding job. Being a dad means that God has entrusted me with the task of training my children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6). He has given me the duty to teach them the fear of the Lord (Ps. 128). He has asked me to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord without exasperating them (Eph. 6:4). He has allowed me to share the heritage of faith. And for my efforts I get lots of hugs and kisses, really beautiful Father's Day cards, and the chance to hear, "Hey, Dad!"

God knows the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood because He's our heavenly Father. And as our Father He will give us what we need to care for our children. --JDB

*Our children are a gift from God
On loan from heaven above,
To train and nourish in the Lord
And show to them, His love. --Sper*

A godly father reflects the love of the heavenly Father.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

Hey, Dad!

Children are a heritage from the Lord. --Psalm 127:3

Sometimes when I'm in a crowded place, such as in a shopping centre or at the footie, I hear someone call out, "Hey, Dad!" I instinctively look around to see who's calling. Although most of the time it's not one of my children, I'm always reminded of the universal nature of the name Dad. It's a one-size-fits-all label.

I'm also reminded of the incredible





Our Home Angry Kids

(Ephesians 6:4) "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

(Colossians 3:21) "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

There are four failures of fathers that we need to avoid:

1. _____, Ephesians 6:4,

2. _____, Ephesians 6:4,
Colossians 3:21,

1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25, 28-30,

34-35, 3:11-13

(2 Samuel 13:21) "But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry."

(2 Samuel 13:37) "But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day."

(2 Samuel 14:24) "And the king said, "Let him return to his own house, but do not let him see my face." So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king's face."

(1 Kings 1:6) "(And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)"

(Proverbs 29:15) "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

(Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

3. _____, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21

(Genesis 30:25) "And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country."

(Genesis 33:2) "And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last."

(Genesis 37:2-4) "This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's



wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. {3} Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. {4} But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him."

(Genesis 37:23-24) "So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. {24} Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it."



4. _____, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21

