

that makes 500 gallons.

When was the last time we thought about what we do that provokes our children to anger? How do our words and tone of voice discourage them? What simple thing can we do today to encourage their spiritual growth?

Why not start putting Ephesians 6:4, God's concentrated plan for parenting, into practice right now! --DCM

*Your privilege is beyond all price--
Worth more than silver, gold, or fame--
To guide with love and sacrifice,
And write on children's hearts God's name. --Anon.*

A godly parent is a child's best guide to God.



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Divine Concentrate

Do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. --Ephesians 6:4

An experienced parent said, "Before I got married, I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories!"

The task of parenting can sometimes seem overwhelming. As we look for help, we find book stores jammed with "how to" volumes by religious and secular advisers. Yet, when we search the Bible for specific guidance, we find few passages that tell us exactly what to do and how to do it. We often come back to Ephesians 6:4, which states, "Do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

We might wish for more instruction than what this verse tells us, but perhaps God has packed more into it than we realise. If we began to "dissolve" that verse in our thinking and ask God to help us understand how to put it into practice, we might find it to be like a packet of concentrated, flavoured drink mix





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To raise godly seed we ask two basic questions today:

**1. What does God want from _____
_____,?** Ephesians 6:1-4

(Exodus 20:12) *"Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."*

(Colossians 3:20) *"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."*

Parents can undermine God's standard of _____ children by:

◆ _____ and



◆ _____ for obedience

(Ecclesiastes 7:7) *".. a bribe debases the heart."*

(1 Corinthians 3:14) *"If anyone's work ... endures, he will receive a reward."*

◆ Allowing their _____
to be _____

Parents can also enhance God's standard of _____ children by:

◆ Expecting _____,

◆ Clear _____,

◆ _____ disobedience,



2. What is _____?

Ephesians 6:1

(Genesis 22:2-3) *"Then He said, 'Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.' {3} So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him."*



(Genesis 22:9-10) *"Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. {10} And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son."*

(Genesis 22:12) *"And He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.'"*

Suggestions to use before battle times:

- ◆ _____ the child
- ◆ The way you phrase _____,

When your child has obeyed:

- ◆ _____ them with _____ words
- ◆ Occasional _____

There should be a movement towards _____ discipline.

(1 Corinthians 9:27) *"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*



We seek the _____ motive.

(2 Peter 1:5) *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,"*

(2 Corinthians 5:14) *"For the love of Christ compels us, ...;"*

(Hebrews 6:10) *"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."*

