

Marriage and Family Study
Heritage Christian Fellowship
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Requirements and Prohibitions

I. Review

II. Requirements and Prohibitions

Scriptural References:

1. **Eph 6:1-4** *1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*
2. **Col 3:20-21** *20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*
3. **Pr 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*
4. **Pr 22:15** *Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.*
5. **Pr 29:15** *The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.*
6. **Pr 29:17** *Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.*
7. **Pr 17:25** *A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.*

III. Imperatives of Eph.6:1-4 and Col.3:20-21.

A. Positive Imperatives

1. Children

- a. Obey your parents in the Lord
- b. Honor your father and mother

2. Fathers

- a. Bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord

B. Negative Imperative

- a. Fathers do not provoke your children

IV. Ways fathers provoke their children.

1. Double or multiple standards.
2. Lack of leadership. The father is not leading his wife or his children spiritually.
3. Lack of love.
4. Lack of structure, either altogether missing or inconsistent.
5. Lack of knowledge about biblical training of children.
6. Lack of agreement about implementing training.
6. Lack of mutual submission to the roles God has assigned husband and wife.
7. Misplaced priorities.
8. Unrealistic expectations.
9. Improper discipline.
10. Inconsistency.

Homework

Review the above and determine if any of the above is a reflection of you as a father (parent) and make the necessary to eliminate what God calls provoking.