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DAILY DEVOTION ADVICE TO FATHERS

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TODAY'S DEVOTION

EPHESIANS 6.4

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

This verse protects the child from a parent who is too strict and overbearing. It warns fathers not to be so harsh or strict that they stir up anger and rebellion in the heart of the child. Fathers must walk a fine line of discipline and love. Discipline should be administered in a way that has the child's benefit as its goal. We should follow God's way of dealing with us;

Hebrews 12.1

"He disciplines us for our good, so we can be holy."

Proverbs 22.6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

For the babies, usually a simple "NO" will correct the child.

As they grow older you can correct them by a rod and spankings are sometimes appropriate.

Proverbs 13:24

"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly".

Proverbs 22:15

"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him".

Once they are teenagers, suspending privileges is more effective.

We should also use positive methods that reward good behavior in children. Words of affirmation and gifts prevent us from constantly being negative with our children.

We should share biblical principles that define good behavior.

Deuteronomy 6.6-7

"These words I say today are to be upon your hearts. And you shall teach them diligently to your children and speak of them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."



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Genesis 18.19

"For I have chosen him, so that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has promised."

The fathers authority makes him the principal instructor and disciplinarian in the family. A Father should be actively involved in teaching the Word to their children.

A father should make sure the child understands the Gospel of Christ at an early age. Studies have shown that most people that come to faith in Christ believe at an early age. Very young children can learn God's Word from illustrated Bible story books. As they mature, they can participate in family Bible reading. Every Christian family should have a time for prayer and Bible reading each day.

II Timothy 3.15

"From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

PRAYER: O God, teach me to train up my children in the way of the Lord, Amen.