

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”  
2 Timothy 2:22

## June 19, 2022 - Fathers, Don't Provoke Your Children to Wrath

In Ephesians 6:4, Paul writes, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” In Colossians 3:21, he words it this way: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.” Since children seek approval from their fathers, and dads aren't always as sensitive as they could be, they're especially vulnerable to crushing their children's hearts and inflaming their tempers. Here are some practical ways to avoid provoking your children to anger:



**1) Love your wife** (Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7). When the marriage is weak, children feel unsafe and threatened. If your kids see you exploding in anger and being harsh with your wife, they'll think your strength is there to hurt them, not protect them. **2) Don't discipline them in anger** (James 1:19-20). Wait until you calm down before disciplining them, or they'll think you're doing it because you hate them, not because you want to help them. **3) Don't compare them to other people** (2 Corinthians 10:12). When you ask, “Why can't you be more like your sister? Or like your friend Kevin?” it makes them think you wish they were someone else, which is impossible. **4) Make the rules clear** (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). If kids have no idea what the rules are or the consequences for breaking them, they'll have to walk on eggshells. **5) Be**

**consistent with discipline** (2 Corinthians 1:17). If you discipline a child for an infraction once, but when they do it again they don't get disciplined for it, it confuses them about what's right and wrong.

**6) Don't play favorites** (Genesis 37:3). If you arbitrarily reward or punish one child more than the other, it creates rivalry among the siblings and resentment against the parents. **7) Apologize when you're wrong** (Matthew 5:23-24). If you give your kids the impression their father is always right and never makes mistakes, you're giving them an impossible standard to live up to. Also, when you hurt your kids and don't apologize for it, it sends the message you don't care about their feelings. **8) Don't be overly harsh** (Matthew 7:2). You're their father, not their drill sergeant. Building their character doesn't require yelling, nit-picking every flaw, or bordering on verbal and physical abuse. **9) Teach them mercy and grace too** (Exodus 34:6-7). If all they see from you is justice and punishment, they'll only obey you out of fear, not love. Grace and mercy touches hearts. **10) Listen well** (Proverbs 18:13). Don't assume you know what happened before hearing your child's side of the story.

**11) Praise and encourage your child** (Philippians 1:6). Let them know you're proud of them, you believe in them, and you have hope for their future. **12) Keep your commitments** (Matthew 5:37). Your kids need to know they can count on you to keep your word and to show up for them. **13) Don't try to live vicariously through them** (1 Corinthians 12:19-21). If you didn't get to live out your dream, don't force them to live it for you. Help him or her discover who they are as their own person and nurture and develop the skills they need to achieve their goals, not yours. **14) Don't be passive** (Proverbs 29:15). Some Dads want to be the “cool dad” and let their kids run the show. They don't need you to be their friend, they need you to be their father. You set the rules, you call the shots, they obey. **15) Let them know your love isn't based on their performance** (1 John 4:19). You can expect them to work hard and get good grades, but not to earn love. Make it clear to them they don't do their best in order to be loved, they do their best *because* they're loved.

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### Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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To be a Godly father, embrace your role as \_\_\_\_\_-slayer!

### 1. Priest

- o Godly fathers represent their families to God and \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer on their behalf.
- o **Job 1:4-5; Mark 5:22-23** - Fathers must be willing to humbly fall at Jesus' feet and seek his help on his children's behalf.
- o **Nehemiah 4:8-9** - Your priestly role is so crucial because you're getting \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against the Dragon!

### 2. Prophet

- o Godly fathers act as God's mouth-piece by sharing God's Word with their families (**Ephesians 6:4**)
- o **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** - **Exhorting** = teaching while coming alongside in relationship. **Encouraging** = expressing hope and confidence that they'll follow your teaching. **Imploring** = persuading them God's word and ways are true and \_\_\_\_\_.
- o Whenever you can, teach them the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Deuteronomy 6:20-24**)
  - o Teaching can be formal (theology) and informal (talking about the application in everyday life). (**Deut. 6:6-7**)
  - o Both are critical! Theology let's them know what's right, application lets them know what's right is real.

### 3. Provider

- o Godly fathers make sure their families have what they need. (**1 Timothy 5:8**).
- o It's not about being rich, but about being responsible and hard working enough to be independent (**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**)
- o It means being responsible with money (**Proverbs 21:20; 13:22a**)
  - o Godly fathers provide for their family's \_\_\_\_\_ needs too. (**Proverbs 23:26; Luke 15:20**)
  - o One of the best ways to protect your children's hearts is to give them yours.

### 4. Protector

- o Godly fathers put themselves between their families and what could harm them. This takes wisdom. (**Proverbs 27:12; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Peter 5:8**)
  - o Don't be passive, be courageously \_\_\_\_\_! (**Proverbs 29:15; 22:15**)
  - o Make discipline about protection, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - o Protect them from the Dragon through involvement, boundaries, accountability, and loving discipline.

### Thought Questions for Fathers

1. As a father, how can you improve your prayers for your children?
2. What can you do to improve the way, and the amount, you teach them about God?
3. What steps can you take to ensure you're meeting your children's emotional needs?
4. What can you do to get more involved and overcome passivity?

## Bible Challenge - Father's Day Edition!

1. Who was Jesus' earthly father?
  - a. John
  - b. Joseph
  - c. Bartholomew
  - d. Zacharias
  
2. Which father had the priesthood stripped from his family for failing to discipline his sons?
  - a. Ehud
  - b. Jacob
  - c. David
  - d. Eli
  
3. Which father-in-law told Moses to delegate responsibility by appointing judges?
  - a. Methuselah
  - b. Enoch
  - c. Jethro
  - d. Ammon
  
4. Which human father is considered "the father of all who believe"?
  - a. Abraham
  - b. Moses
  - c. David
  - d. Josiah
  
5. Which is the first commandment of God with a promise of well-being attached to it?
  - a. Love God
  - b. Love your Neighbor
  - c. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you
  - d. Honor your father and mother
  
6. *"We had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we \_\_\_\_\_ them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our \_\_\_\_\_, so that we may share His \_\_\_\_\_."* (Hebrews 12:9-10 NASB)

### **Answer Key:**

1. b (Matthew 1:18)    2. d (1 Samuel 2:27-36)    3. c (Exodus 18:1, 17-23)    4. a (Romans 4:11-17)    5. d (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2)    6. respected, good, holiness

# Announcements

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Please email all new announcements to [announcements@psd.church](mailto:announcements@psd.church).

## MEMBERS HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Kathy Lodge** has good news from her doctor's visit in Denver. The lung CT scan showed improvement and the picc line will be removed next week. She will be taking 4 new medicines and daily breathing treatments for the next year. And back to Denver in 3 months. Thanks for the prayers.
- **Ben Williams, son of Matt & Sherilyn Williams** had successful dental surgery and he did great. He's back to his normal self. The family says thanks for the prayers. Check out his new smile!
- **Patsy Holt** is back home and doing better but not great. Lungs are tight but improving. Still dealing with side effects from steroids. She needs to stay out of the heat, so she will be staying home.
- **Carol VanCleaf** did not transition well to independent living, so she is back in rehab for 7-10 days more to help her get stronger. She is getting PT every day. The goal is to help her be able to return home. Also, she got a shampoo and style Friday. Yeah!!

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **Veda Bean, the mother of Susan Cagle**, passed away wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The funeral is Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, visitation at 11:00 am, funeral at 1:00 pm. Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 East Thompson Rd, Indianapolis, Indiana. Feel free to go to the webpage for Veda Bean to share condolences: [shirleybrothers.com](http://shirleybrothers.com)
- **Vicki Simmons, friend of Cheri Feist**, is back home with Cheri and is doing better. She will be doing IV thru pick line for 2 weeks. She is out of pain but doesn't have much energy. She appreciates all our love and support with prayers, calls, texts, and visits. Her cell phone: 904-321-6659.

## TRAVELING

- **Jon & Susan Cagle** are in Indianapolis for the funeral of Susan's mother, Veda Bean.
- **Tim & Anne Welsh, and Brandon & Rachel Gunn** are in Boca Raton with Tim's family.
- **Bobby & Megan Burns and family** are traveling out of town on vacation.
- **Joe & Susan Rimmer** will be on vacation thru Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dave & Linda Crowder** are out of town and return Monday, June 20.
- **Carol Lukasek** is out of town this week.

## COVID REPORT

- **Deeanne Quist** has tested positive for Covid, and all the family have been sick this week, so it is likely they all have Covid. They will all be staying home for now.
- **Mike Allen's father, John Allen**, has Covid. He is 95 years old, it seems to be a light case, but he is unstable on his feet. Mike will be caring for his father for a while and will not be coming to worship.

## SHUT-IN:

- Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Lynna Davis, and Pat Steele

## DATES TO NOTE:

DATE	EVENT
SUNDAY, JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	NEW QUARTER STARTS WITH NEW TEACHERS
SUNDAY, JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	SIGN UP BEGINS FOR HOUSE 2 HOUSE
JULY 17 – AUGUST 27	FALL SESSION FOR HOUSE 2 HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2022	FALL WORKSHOP WITH DAVID BANNING

