

## Father's Day Message

June 21, 2026

**I think most of us who are fathers in this room want to be good fathers.**

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**Sometimes we don't have a good model for being a father, no matter where we look, and so when we have kids, we basically make it up from the best of what we saw, which isn't great.**

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**A father works hard to provide stuff for his family, but don't you find that that can be an excuse?**

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**It never occurred to me that I could go to Scripture to see what the Father of all children says about being a dad.**

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### Three things we see in Ephesians 6:4-

**1. Do not provoke your children to anger.**

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**2. Bring up or nourish or nurture them, even cherish and train them, in the discipline (*tutelage* or correction)...**

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**3. The calling attention to or warning of the Lord.**

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**I believe that God's instruction here in Ephesians is to simply model a God centered life and correct and warn our kids according to the Bible, so that they also grow up in that way.**

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**Chasten, punish your children for disobedience or the alternative is much worse.**

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**Discipline needs to be like when a child touches a hot stove. Our discipline needs to be immediate, quick, and make sense.**

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**In a very real way, God has placed the responsibility for our children's character and souls right into our hands.**

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**What does it take? Desire and courage. You have to want it, and you have to be courageous. Really, it's what we all need to be real Christians-period. You want to live by God's Word and be courageous enough to do it despite the worldly opposition.**

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**What's at stake? Our children's souls, and not only that, their futures in this world.**

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**Do you think you will ever be happier or prouder than when you see your children enter heaven? Evangelism and living for God begins in the home, so commit to that above all other things.**

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**Scriptures Cited: Eph. 6:4; Pr. 29:15; 1 Sam. 3:13; Deut. 6; Pr. 19:18, 29:15, 17;**