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"...HAVING BEEN BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES & PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE..."
EPHESIANS 2:20

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c) The positive commandment: Bring them up: feed, nourish, *train up to maturity*.

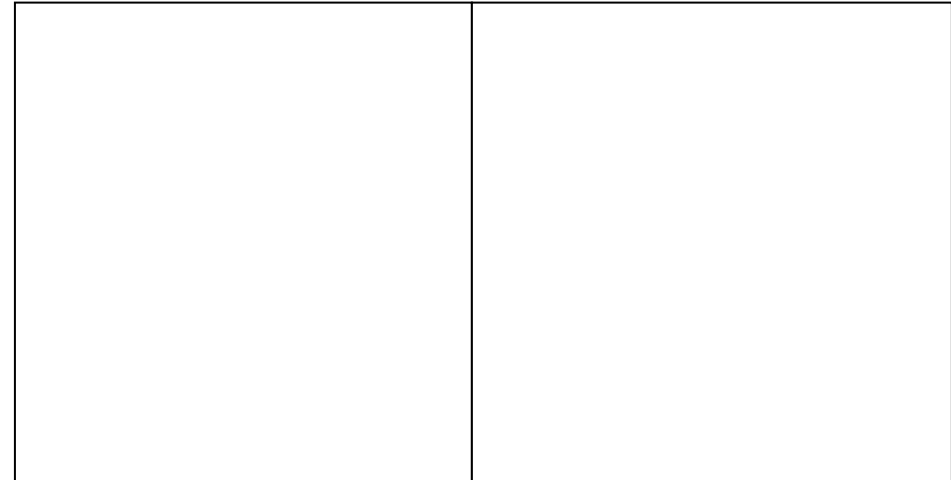
▪ The overarching goal: bring your children to maturity. Now, what is maturity for Paul? Ephesians 4:13 to become like Christ.

d) The means: the discipline and instruction of the Lord
One word implies the chastening (or discipline)

The other word refers to the exhortation or rebuke addressed to the mind.

CONCLUSION: This is just not a good counsel to have a nice family life

1. The passages are imperatives.
2. Rest now / toil later.
Toil now and your children will bring you rest
Pr 22:6, Train up a child in **the way he should go**, Even when **he** is old **he** will not depart from it. Comp Pr 10:1 & 15:26
3. Perhaps some of us need to confess and repent before our children, for having provoked them to anger and to lose heart



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When I Look Into Your Holiness

Verse 1: When I look into Your ho-liness
When I gaze into Your loveliness
When all things that surround
become shadows
In the light of You

Verse 2: When I've found the joy of
reaching Your heart
When my will becomes enthralled
in Your love
When all things that surround
become shadows in the light of
You

Chorus: I worship You / I worship You
The reason I live is to worship You
I worship You / I worship You
The reason I live is to worship You

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Chorus: *Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my mind
I want to see You
I want to know You*

Verse: *To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we marvel at your glory*

Misc 1 (BRIDGE) *Marvel at your glory
Merciful and mighty
Holy Holy Holy
I want to see You*

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The Priority of the Glory of God #14 In our family life (5)

Introduction: Those who are the closest to us are the ones who can irritate and frustrate us the most.

REVIEW:

- I - The place of the family in God's purposes to Glorify Himself
- II - The Man in a God-Glorifying home
- III - The Woman of a God-Glorifying home
- IV – The Children in a home whose priority is the Glory of God

V – The Parents whose priority is the Glory of God
Eph 6:4

My rendering: And fathers, do not bring anger side by side to your children, but feed them to maturity in the discipline / chastening and exhortation of the Lord

- a) The addressees - Fathers: Paul does not see fathers just as providers.
The weight of the commandment is placed on them

One commentary writes: “fathers--including mothers; the fathers are specified as being the fountains of domestic authority. Fathers are more prone to passion in relation to their children than mothers, whose fault is rather over-indulgence.”

Pr 6:20-23

- b) The first commandment is negative: Do not provoke to anger: Parogidzo (To bring anger to the side). Example/illustration: parakletos

- Parents: this is not about you...
- What is it to “provoke a child to anger”?

The parallel text: Colossians 3:21 “Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.”

The distillation of the meaning: αθυμέω a + thumos = No + Anger or passion, meaning to be dispirited, or to become disheartened and broken in your spirit.

Bible illustrations of parents “provoking” their children

1. Showing partiality or playing favorites

- **Isaac & Rebecah:** “mom” showed favoritism to Jacob because he was a *sweet home boy* / “dad” showed favoritism to Esau because he was a *rough and manly hunter*.
- **Sadly, Jacob did the same...**

Practical: if you have more than one child make of each child a favorite

2. Unfaithfulness & Disobedience

- **Numbers 13 & 14.**

Nm 14:31-33 'Your children, however ...and they shall suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness.

- Practical: Counsel to single ladies...

3. Sexual Infidelity

- **2 Sam 3:1-5** and **2 Sam 12:24**
David's sexual sins brought tragedy to his family life.
- **Absalom**
- **Abnon** 2 Samuel 13
- **Solomon**