

FIVE FORMULAS FOR FATHERS

Ephesians 5:18-6:4

These 5 points form a _____ : first two general points prepare us for the crux of what it means to be a father

I. BE CONTINUALLY _____ WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT 5:18-21

- A. Paul gives us a huge clue by comparing/contrasting the filling of the Spirit to being filled with _____
- 1) Alcohol _____ one who is drunk; when the Holy Spirit fills us, He gives enabling and power
 - 2) Alcohol _____ one who is drunk; the Holy Spirit also controls those whom He empowers
- B. Rather than an emotional experience, the filling of the Spirit has mundane results (5:19-21) including “submitting to one another” in the husband-wife (5:22-31) and the _____ relationship (6:1-4)

II. _____ THE MOTHER OF YOUR CHILDREN 5:22-31

This passage says nothing about a husband’s _____; it only directs him to love his wife—2 pictures:

- 1) A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church: he must be willing to _____ all for her
- 2) A husband is love his wife as his own _____ because she is indeed “one flesh” with him (Gen. 2:24)

III. _____ YOUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD 6:4

- A. Fathers are to ensure that their children get an _____ including knowing the Scriptures/doctrine
- B. According to Heb. 12:6-7, training includes _____ : fathers must provide “education with teeth”
- 1) Proverbs: if we will not spank a child, we do not _____ him and we open a door to his destruction
 - 2) Reserve spanking for when a child directly disobeys, defies your authority or _____ you

IV. _____ YOUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD 6:4

- A. Admonition is _____ correction to bring about change; Nathan confronting David is an illustration
- B. Our goal is not to force our children to behave; our goal is to see them _____ through faith in Christ
- C. This goal can never be produced simply by enforcing rules/spanking: we must deal with a child’s _____
- D. Shepherding a Child’s Heart by Ted Tripp contains much wisdom in how to _____ a child

V. DO NOT _____ YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH 6:4

It is easy to abuse or abdicate parental authority & actually incite _____ in children—here are 7 ways:

- 1) By _____ of one child over another: look at the story of Jacob and Esau for a Biblical example
- 2) By use of negative enforcement only—never _____ a child, never granting him your approval
- 3) By _____ : allowing a child to get away with something most of the time but then punishing him for it occasionally; punishing a child when you did not make clear that there was a rule/punishment
- 4) By punishing a child for being a _____ : children often spill things, break things, forget things
- 5) By refusing to re-establish a love relationship with your child after you punish him; by holding a _____
- 6) By punishing a child because he infringed on your _____ : children discern real motives
- 7) By punishing a child when you are out of _____ ; beating a child in uncontrolled anger is child abuse

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