

Matters of ... Parenting

Family Matters #5 - Pastor Stephen Combs - Aug 13, 2017 - Ephesians 6:1-4

Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

How to bring children up in Christ-like maturity:

1. Set an example of _____ .

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Exodus 20:12 (ESV) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Colossians 3:20 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

John 5:19 (ESV) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

2. Lead with an attitude that _____ .

Colossians 3:21 (NLT) "Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged"

Ephesians 4:22-24 (ESV) "...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

Exodus 34:6 (NLT) "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness."

3. Cultivate the growth of _____ .

Luke 2:52 (ESV) "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

Ephesians 6:9 (ESV) "Masters, do the same to [your servants], and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him."

2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (ESV) From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

Luke 9:23-25 (ESV) "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?