

*Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Good morning, men!

This is a wonderful passage that reminds us what being a spiritual leader (home, work, neighborhood, etc..) entails: not exasperating people! Particularly as a father it is so easy to exasperate our children, either with unrealistic expectations or to have no expectations or direction. How many times do we try to fill our ego needs by living vicariously through our children's successes? How often do we abdicate our responsibility to direct our children, and allow the culture to lead them while we focus on being their "friend"? Talk about exasperating our children! All children need godly parents who will lovingly and patiently train and instruct them in the Lord. If your children are like mine they have enough friends ... they need us to be parents.

The bible gives us the answer: bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Our children are actually His children. Do they know that? Do we know that? Do we know that we are His children, too? The Heavenly Father loves us just the way we are. As we listen to Him more and more we are trained and instructed in the Lord. Then we pass that on to our children through our example.

If you feel exasperated and worn out please realize that is not coming from our Heavenly Father. He is here to set us free from that! As we are trained in Him not only are we changed but our families are changed through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Have a wonderful walk with the Father, men! You are more important than you know.

In His Peace and Power,

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