

Shepherd Fathers

Text: Ephesians 6:4, 1 Tim 3:4

Main Idea: Fathers are called to shepherd their children bringing them up in the Lord.

1. **Negative:** Fathers must not aggravate & _____ their children to anger & discouragement! (v. 4a, Col 3:21)
 - By being _____, smothering, never trusting.
 - By making _____ demands (let them be kids).
 - By being _____ and cruel (physical or verbal).
 - By _____ them in front of others especially their peers.
 - By displaying _____ and unhelpful comparisons.
 - By failing to _____ & praise them for their successes.
 - By being _____ in the exercise of discipline.
 - By being selfish, neglecting them and making them feel like an _____ in our lives.
 - By forcing them to adopt our _____ as their goals.
 - By making _____ conditional & a tool of reward.

2. **Positive:** Fathers must _____ their children in the Lord. (v. 4b)
 - *Action:* Requires consistent & loving _____. (Heb 12:5-11, Prov 13:24, 22:15)
 - *Words:* Requires _____ of God's principles.
 - *Scope:* Requires seeing all of _____ as of the Lord.