



Ephesians 6:4
July 24, 2011

Fathers, nurture your children

**Fathers, nurture your children
in a gospel-driven way**

...not by provoking them to anger

...but through discipline and instruction

The Command in Context:

Fathers, nurture in a gospel-driven way

The Command in Practice:

Fathers, nurture through discipline and instruction

The Command in Context:

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Clues from the Immediate Context:

Contrasted with provoking

Defined by tenderness

Included in framework of self-denial

Differentiated from culture

The Command in Context:

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Clues from the Larger Context:

Result of a father's sonship (1:5)

Result of a father's identity as God's workmanship (2:10)

Result of a father's exposure to God's love (3:18-19)

Result of a father's new life (4:17-24)

Result of a father's responsibility to imitate God (5:1)

Result of a father's fullness (5:18)

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The Command in Practice:

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Nurture through Discipline

Know your children's problem

Know your children's potential

Know your children's need

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Nurture through Instruction

Soak in God's Word

Teach your children God's Word

Surround your family with God's Word

Take Aways:

- Fathers and husbands: Embrace God's call on your life, and look to the gospel for grace, direction, and hope**
- Mothers and wives: Submit to your husband, encourage him, and support him in his responsibility**
- Children: Give thanks to God for your dad and pray for him often**
- Kossuth family: Surround the dads in our church with encouragement, prayer, exhortation, and help**

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