

“PARENTS – WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD”

EPHESIANS 6:4

Theme:

Parents are the primary means of reaching and teaching their children for Christ and His Church. They have the first touch in training up the next generation of Christians.

Introduction:

Parenting is a God-given role and responsibility. First, it works for the common good. Parenting enables families, churches and societies to exist with order and health. Second, it is the means of “disciplining/training/mentoring” the next generation of Christians. Finally, it is the privilege of leaving a personal legacy in your wake.

Outline:

A. Instructions for the parents (v. 4)

1. Do not provoke the child to anger

- Reasons why a child might be exasperated
 - a. Unrealistic expectations
 - b. Too demanding; exceeds ability
 - c. Your marriage is in disorder
 - d. Your “physical life” is in disorder
 - e. Your “spiritual life” is in disorder

2. Bring them up

- There are two notable actions identified in the training of a child.
 - a. **Paideia**, “Tutorage, i.e. education or training; instruction, nurture.”
 - b. **Nouthesia** “Admonition”

Shepherding the Sheep: (What's the NEXT STEP?)

- Paul provides for us a picture of what a home looks like **in Christ**.
- Husbands have headship.
- Wives are to respect that headship.
- Children are to respect the collective headship of father/mother.
- Parents are to train their children.
- Let us work from this idea and seek to celebrate and embody such principles in our homes and churches.

Waukesha Bible Church is a family of families seeking to live in **the Storyline of the Bible**. She is determined by design to have a **God-centered, Christ-exalting worship; a Word-centered teaching** focused on personal **discipleship** through intentional and systematic instruction; a **Global-impacting mission** that resolves to be a **church planting church**; and a **Grace-based fellowship** where disciples are invited to live under a **reigning grace** characterized by a **Gospel-driven sanctification** that celebrates a divine **monergism** to the Christian life.