



Mimicking DAD

FATHERS LEADING *by* EXAMPLE

Father's Day 2015

— EPHESIANS 6:4

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



"One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters." - George Herbert

Douglas Wilson, in his book, *Father Hunger: Why God Calls Men to Love and Lead Their Families*, states, "We learn what tangible fathers are supposed to be like by looking to the intangible Father. And we look to Him by looking at Jesus, the one who brings us to the Father."



I. THE MODEL THAT MUST BE IMITATED

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents
in the Lord: for this is right.

A. Obedience needs to be focused –
“...obey your parents in the Lord...”



Original Word: ὑπακούω

Transliteration: hupakouó

Definition: I listen, hearken to, obey, answer.

Properly, to *obey* what is heard (literally, "under hearing") is acting *under the authority* of the one speaking, i.e. *really listening* to the one giving the charge (order).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5219.htm>

If fathers do not “listen” to the Lord, in simple, honest obedience, then why should we be shocked or upset if the children are disobedient? They are just mimicking their fathers’ disobedience!



B. Obedience needs to be faith-based —
“...for this is right.”

Original Word: δίκαιος

Transliteration: dikaios

Short Definition: just, right or righteous, impartial

Definition: just; especially, **just in the eyes of God**; righteous; the elect (a Jewish idea).

"Right" or "righteous" relates to *conformity to God's standard* (justice).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1342.htm>



II. THE MAINTENANCE TO BE INSTRUCTED

Eph. 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

A. Honor needs to be conscientious – “Honour thy father and mother...”

Original Word: τιμάω

Transliteration: timaó

Definition: (a) I value at a price, estimate, (b) I honor, reverence.

timáō – properly, **assign value (give honor), as it reflects the personal esteem (value, preciousness) attached to it by the beholder.**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5091.htm>

In the eyes of the children, Mom and Dad are to esteem each other, emphasizing that God is being honored when we honor our parents.

Too many derelict fathers are self-serving hedonists.



“The fact that these other things have not been added to us, the fact that we live in fatherless times, reveals our attitudes toward God the Father. Father hunger is one of the chief symptoms of our idolatry. It is the basis for our political follies, our cultural follies, our technological follies, and so on. But the solution is not to schedule numerous family retreats. The solution is to announce, preach, and declare that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of God, and of His Christ. Another way of saying this is that **men must seek to be Christians first.** If they love Jesus Christ more than mother or father, or wife, or sons, or daughters, **then they will be in fellowship with the source of all love.**”

Douglas Wilson – [Father Hunger: Why God Calls Men to Love and Lead Their Families](#)



B. Honor needs to be consistent

C. Honor needs to be “compensation”



Original Word: ἐπαγγελία

Transliteration: epaggelia

Short Definition: a promise

epaggelia = a *promise* which literally "**announces what is fitting**" (apt, appropriate).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1860.htm>

III. THE METHOD TO BE IMPLEMENTED

Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



A. Fathers, Learn from Inconsideration –
“...provoke not your children to wrath...”

Original Word: παροργίζω

Transliteration: parorgizó

Definition: I provoke to anger, exasperate.



Properly, rouse someone to anger; **to provoke in a way that "really pushes someone's buttons,"** i.e. to "*really get to them*" in an "up-close-and-personal" way (because so near, literally "close beside").

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3949.htm>

Rom. 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will **anger** you.

Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, **provoke** not your children to **wrath**: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

B. Fathers, Lead through the Intricacies —
“...but bring them up...”



Original Word: ἐκτρέφω

Transliteration: ektrephó

Definition: I nourish, nurture, **bring up**.

"nourish *out* (up) to *maturity*" (J. Thayer), i.e. to *rear*, raise (train up, *WP*, Eph 6:4).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1625.htm>

Eph. 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth** and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go:** and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



חָנַךְ **chânak**, khaw-nak'; properly, to narrow; figuratively, to initiate or discipline: — dedicate, train up.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2596&t=KJV>

C. Fathers, Love Intentionally – “...in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Original Word: παιδεία

Transliteration: paideia

Definition: discipline; training and education of children, hence: **nurture**, instruction; chastisement, correction.



Cognate: 3809 *paideía* (from [3811](#) /*paideúō*, see there) – **properly, instruction that trains someone to reach full development (maturity).** <http://biblehub.com/greek/1625.htm>
the whole training and education of children

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong=G3809&t=KJV>

2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction** in righteousness:

Nurture is instruction and training of the in every facet – mind, morals, and body.

Admonition is the warning or

Original Word: νοῦθεσία

Transliteration: nouthesia

Definition: a warning, **admonition**, counsel.

Properly, setting (placing) the *mind* through *God-inspired warning* ("admonition").

nouthesia ("warning through teaching") *improves a person's reasoning* so they can reach *God's solution* – i.e. by going through *His thought-process*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3559.htm>



Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Rom. 12:1-3 likewise emphasizes the importance of receiving God's thoughts in the renewed mind, through faith, to reach *God's* solutions.



Conclusion

1 Cor. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

Original Word: μιμητής

Transliteration: mimétés

Definition: an imitator, follower.

mimētēs (the root of the English term, *mimic*, "one who imitates, emulates") – properly, **the positive imitation that arises by admiring the pattern set by someone worthy of emulation**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3402.htm>



Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

