

**“BRING YOUR CHILDREN UP IN THE DISCIPLINE &
INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD”
EPHESIANS 6:1-4
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Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Why do you think Paul addresses fathers rather than parents in verse 4?
2. Pastor Charlie said that one reason Paul addresses fathers is because men tend to deal with anger more than women. Generally speaking, do you think this is true? How has anger affected your family?
3. Why does the improper use of anger discourage our children? Why does it tend to destroy valuable things in our children like affections for God?
4. Since anger is a natural reaction against authority, are you aware of how anger functions in your children? Have you given much thought to how you should steward or steer that anger?
5. Not all anger is inappropriate. Under what conditions is it right to provoke anger in our children?
6. The task of parenting is to nourish our children to full maturity by means of the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Pastor Charlie said that the main thing implied here is that we help our children know God himself—do you agree with this? How do you plan to help your children know the Lord?
7. How are you doing with nourishing your children in the discipline of the Lord, that is, helping them form proper habits of behavior?
8. How are you doing with nourishing your children in the instruction of the Lord, that is, passing on to them a body of truth about the will and ways of God?