

EPHESIANS 6:1-4 "BRING IT - DAD"

DAD JOKES: Why do turkeys play percussion? They have drumsticks. After an unsuccessful harvest, why did the farmer decide to try a career in music? Because he had a ton of sick beets. I don't get why Marvel doesn't use the Hulk to advertise more. He's basically one big Banner.

- Older: Jokes aren't as funny, ur not as invincible – **BUT UR STILL DAD**

DADS WE ARE CALLED TO BRING IT – business, hobbies, fans of favorite teams - **DADS**

MP: Dads radiate the Father in Heaven to their children, guiding them to grow as Jesus' followers by raising them in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

- CONTEXT: Holy Spirit inspired and fueled behavior

The family is the masterpiece of God's creation.

WE R PURP CREATED BEAR HIS IMAGE - Individually especially as a family – **1ST FAM**

- **SATAN WRECKED THAT** Immed destruction of the family (Cain and Abel)

Christian families are a reflection of God. Satan stills seeking to wreck families.

Marriage a pic Christ's love for his pple Parenting – pic Fathers love for His children.

THE WHOLE VERSE SETS THIS FRAMEWORK - We take 1 of 2 path flesh/spirit

- **DON'T PROVOKE TO ANGER:** suggests a repeated, ongoing pattern of treatment that gradually builds up a deep-seated anger and resentment that boils over in outward hostility.
- **BRING THEM UP:** faithfully/consistent provide Discipline: padeio – Instruction: educate **Training, developing, raising – ONE LEAD TO GOD OTHER REJECT**

BRING IT – there's no one like u in their lives... embodiment of their heavenly fath

BY LOVING YOUR CHILDREN NOT NEGLECTING THEM

FLESH: Absent. disengaged. kid is a nuisance. too busy with work or hobbies.

- **RESULT:** Neglected, unimportant – **WORTHLESS** – **if don't get love from you**

They will search for this love somewhere else, normally in all the wrong places.

SPIRIT: YOU CAN'T LOVE YOUR KIDS IF YOU'RE NOT AROUND, INVOLVED, ENGAGED

AS GOD HAS LOVED YOU.. do you know God loves you?

- God's love – not manipulative, performance-based, feel Self-giving. Sacrificial

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

The first place your children should learn about God's love is through your life. **BLOVE**

BY PATIENTLY GUIDING THEM NOT BY HAVING IMPOSSIBLE EXPECTATIONS

FLESH: Impossible standards - standard of perfection - Constantly finding fault

Can't you ever do anything right? Why can't you be more like...

- **RESULT:** discouraged – **FAILURES.** Never Measure up. What? **Pur.par Jes follow**

SPIRIT: IN ALL YOUR PLANNING, PLAN THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOP OF YOUR CHILDREN

Plan retirement, hobbies, the backyard, upward mobility – **2BJESUS FOLLOWERS**

- **PARTNER FATHER - GOD GAVE YOU YOUR CHILDREN – ENTRUSTED**

God's word, prayer, pursuit of God, serving, generosity, treat others

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

○ **JAIRUS – BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO JESUS**

BY CORRECTING THEM IN HOPE NOT BY CONDEMNING THEM

FLESH: Angry, fly off the handle, hurtful – unforgiving – tear down – critical spirit

- RESULT: **HOPELESS..I could never please dad.. (carry over God)**

SPIRIT: JUST LIKE GOD IS ON UR SIDE, CORRECTS U IN HOPE

- Believe the best – if you're not going to believe in them who will?

○ **Just as God gives you room to grow and works with you....**

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

○ **Celebrate the wins – SMALL ONES**

Affirmation from a father sticks with a child forever. SIDEWAYS CHILD

○ **PRODIGAL SONS FATHER – ALWAYS SCANNING READY TO FORGIVE**

Psalm 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

BY AUTHENTICALLY FOLLOWING JESUS NOT BY BEING A HYPOCRITE

FLESH: Double standard – **having a standard higher for them than for urself**

SPIRIT: BE HONEST AND TRANSPARENT

- We aren't perfect – we make mistakes – we sin....**BEST THINGS DAVID PS 51**

THE BEST THING YOU OFFER YOUR CHILD IS TO BE AN AUTHENTIC FOLLOWER

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY BEING A DAD IS THE BEST ...

Dad's set the spiritual tone

Psalm 127:3-4 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

The masterpiece of your life won't be your workplace accomplishments or your wealth It will be your children and how you taught them to follow Jesus.