

**How to Raise Angry Kids**

Ephesians 6:4
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Introduction: There are so many ways that we as parents (and grandparents) provoke the ones we love: by teasing, ribbing, overprotecting, and callously pointing out their faults; but is there anything more exasperating to a child than *hypocrisy*? Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul says that moral inconsistency is the antithesis to gospel-centered (and effective) parenting.

One Negative, Two Positives

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1. Why does Paul specifically address 'fathers' in v.4? Does this mean that mothers are off the hook, so to speak?
2. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often provoked God to anger (see Judges 2:11-15). How did they do so? What does this have to do with parenting?
3. Are there areas in your parenting where you're consistently inconsistent? What are they and how can you grow in this area?
4. "Discipline is formative, positive." Why is this true?
5. How have you taken responsibility for the spiritual development of your children? What's your strategy for teaching them about Jesus?
6. When we fail as parents, why can we still have hope?