
God's Plan for the Family: Parents (Fathers)
Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

Fathers (parents), do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." NIV

"Fathers (parents), do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart." NASB

Ways parents exasperate/embitter their children:

1. Overprotection:
2. Favoritism:
3. Criticalness:
4. Demanding:
5. Over-reacting:
6. Affectionless as a manipulation:
7. Permissiveness:
8. Promise-Breaker:
9. Inconsistent with discipline & lifestyle:
10. Neglect/annoyance:

Steps to victory

1. Ask your child where your weaknesses are from this list
2. Ask for forgiveness and pray with them
3. Ask Jesus to help you be sensitive to abiding in Him
4. Reflect on scripture that reveals your weakness – share with your child and pray together to stay close to Christ

"(Jesus speaking): I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit."
John 15:5, 7-8