

## DADS GONE MAD!



# Go **MAD** as a **DAD!**

## Be a Dad that **Makes A Difference**

Lesson 1

Moth · er's Day (mutherz day) n. A day devoted to honoring moms.  
Fath · er's Day (fätherz day) n. A day to beat up men for not doing a better job!?!?

**DADS, You DO \_\_\_\_\_ !**

### HOW Can DADS Go MAD = MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)*

*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Colossians 3:21 (ESV)*

## ■ WHO Is Being Addressed?

- Fathers alone? Parents as Equals? Fathers as the Head of the Home?

*WHY are DADS specifically addressed here?*

- 1) As the **head of the home**, we have **more opportunity and authority** to actually provoke our children to anger.
  - 2) As the **male in the home**, we may have **more propensity and susceptibility** to provoke our children.
  - 3) As the **male head of the home**, we do have the **ultimate responsibility and accountability** to make sure our children are not provoked.
- Who is being addressed? \_\_\_\_\_ as the one who **shares** his authority and responsibility for the children **with** his wife!

*What about those homes WITHOUT a dad?*

*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named" Ephesians 3:14-15*

## ■ WHY Are Dads Being Addressed?

You are the \_\_\_\_\_ in your home!

- Either you... \_\_\_\_\_ your kids away from you and your God!
- Or you... \_\_\_\_\_ your kids to you and your God!

*Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master. (MSG)*

*"The very heart of Christian nurture is this: to bring the heart of child to the heart of his Savior." ~William Hendrikson*

**Book Recommendation:** "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by Tedd Tripp

## ■ WHAT Makes the Difference?

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your children!

- Ephesians 6:4
- "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger..." ESV*  
*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children..." NIV*  
*"Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children..." HCS*  
*"Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them..." NLT*  
*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them..." MSG*

**"provoke"** Any unnecessary action (active or passive) that causes a reaction of anger in someone else.

Results in: Active \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."*  
Ephesians 4:31

**DADS, WHAT are you DOING (active) or NOT DOING (passive) that is CAUSING ANGER to RISE UP in the HEART of your children?**

- Colossians 3:21
- "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged..." ESV*  
*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart." NAS*  
*"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." NIV*  
*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged." HCS*  
*"Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged." NLT*  
*"Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits." MSG*

**"provoke"** Any unreasonable expectation that causes frustration or irritation in someone that will breed deep-seated bitterness.

Results in: Passive \_\_\_\_\_

**DADS, HOW are your EXPECTATIONS CAUSING BITTERNESS to GROW DEEP in the HEART of your children, so they are filled with HOPELESS DISCOURAGEMENT?**

- Dangers of provoking our children

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ground to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27  
*"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil."*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30  
*"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a root of bitterness. Ephesians 4:31; Hebrews 12:14-17  
*"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."*

## ■ HOW Do I Go **MAD** as a Dad?

**OBEY** your heavenly Father's "Do's and Don'ts" in the power of the Spirit!

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4*

**Dads, We Are the Difference Makers in Our Homes!**

Either you **DRAW** your kids to you & your God or you **DRIVE** your kids away from you & your God.

**Let's Go MAD as DADS!**

Learn how to **STOP DISCOURAGING** your children and **START DISCIPLING** them to follow you as you follow Christ!