

AVOIDING a DAD'S GREATEST MISTAKE

It's Time to Man Up

Lesson 2

Dads, It's Time to Man Up!

Masculinity is the courage to "man up" and be the man God created you to be and Christ saves you to become!

*Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, **act like men**, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.
1Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV*

The Greatest Mistake Most Dads Make Is _____ Their Children.

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

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



1. WHO Is Being Addressed? _____

Fathers alone? Parents as Equals? Fathers as Head of the Family?

2. WHY Are Dad's Being Addressed? You are _____ in your home!

You either _____ your kids away from you and your God or you _____ your kids to you and your God!

3. WHAT Makes the Difference? Don't _____ your children!

- Don't provoke them to _____ by how you raise or relate to them. *Ephesians 6:4*

"Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger – do not exasperate them to resentment..." ~Amplified Bible

- Don't provoke them to _____ by how you raise or relate to them. *Colossians 3:21*

"Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or fret your children – do not be hard on them or harass them; lest they become discouraged and sullen and morose and feel inferior and frustrated; do not break their spirit." ~Amplified Bible

- Consequences of provoking our children:

1) _____ ground to the devil. *Ephesians 4:27*

2) _____ the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 4:30*

3) _____ a root of bitterness. *Ephesians 4:31; Hebrews 12:14-17*

4. HOW Do I Avoid Provoking as a Dad?

Depend on the Lord to Develop these 9 Characteristics in Your Life:

#1 Man Up and Be _____!

#2 Man Up and Be _____!

#3 Man Up and Be _____!

#4 Man Up and Be _____!

#5 Man Up and Be _____!

#6 Man Up and Be _____!

#7 Man Up and Be _____!

#8 Man Up and Be _____!

#9 Man Up and Be _____!

It's Time to Man Up and Find Out If I Am Provoking My Children

- Ask them.
- Listen to your spouse.
- Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Look for signs of active, angry rebellion and passive, bitter resentment.

It's Time to Man Up and Stop Provoking Our Children!

- PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER which ones you struggle with the most and cause the greatest resentment in your children.
- PLAINLY CONFESS your sin before the Lord and accept His forgiveness and cleansing.
- PATIENTLY ASK your children and wife for forgiveness before you go to sleep tonight.
- PRACTICALLY REPENT of your attitude and actions and replace them with the appropriate attitude and actions.

What If I Discouraged My Dad as a Child?

For all of us who have dads—and we all do—do the same 4 steps toward your father, only difference is to ask for his forgiveness for your resentment, bitterness, and anger.