

Bring It Home - Part 2: Direct in the Way Ephesians 6:4

1st base: Connecting with your heart is the foundation of parenting.

2nd base: Directing - Parents are the _____ of their kids.

“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” - Ephesians 6:4

Admonition - “to place on one’s mind, to call attention to.” You are providing direction; your kids don’t sort it out on their own.

Details about Directing

1. Deliberately _____ them about the Lord and His ways.

2. _____ what you teach - it’s more caught than taught.

- While Solomon taught his kids God’s ways, (Proverbs 1:8; 2:1; 3:1; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1;7:1; 8:32;) he did not consistently live them out.

1 st GENERATION David – Acts 13:22	2 nd GENERATION Solomon – 1 Kings 11:4	3 rd GENERATION Rehoboam – 2 Chronicles 12:1
Committed	Casual / Compromises	Could Care Less
_____ God	_____ about God	_____ God
Pursues God’s Cause	Enjoys God’s Blessings	Ignores/Rejects God

3. Directing is both an intentional & spontaneous _____ - Deuteronomy 6:4-9—weave God into your family’s life.

Tips for Discipling Your Kids

1) Model spiritual disciplines yourself.

2) Ask God for teachable moments and _____ to His interaction.

- *This is what God did for me today—protected, helped, guided me.*

3) Keep it simple and _____.

- Read the Word, apply the Word, and pray.
- Use picture Bible for babies, cartoon Bible when older, devotionals.

4) Connect with their heart as you connect with God in their devotions—ask how they are doing, if anything is troubling them.