

Provoking Parents Provoking Our Children to Love the Truth

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- The word “provoke” means “to call into _____, to move, to stir up.”
- As parents, we are provoking our children, either positively or negatively. Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 10:24
- We live in a world that specializes in telling _____ to our children.
- Parents must provoke their children to love the truth of God’s Word. We must develop in our children a hunger and desire for truth.

What happens when parents provoke their children to love the Bible?

- There is a three-fold progression that takes place:
 - Their children have a teachable spirit to _____ truth. vs. 1-2
 - Next, their children develop a _____ for truth. vs. 3
 - Next, their children _____ truth for themselves. vs. 4
- Parents, do you know what happens when you instill in your children a love for God’s truth?
 1. Your children will understand what it is to have a healthy _____ and reverence for the Lord.
 2. Your children will acquire the _____ of God.

Why is it so crucial for parents to provoke their children to love the Bible?

- Parents - without God's Word your children have absolutely no way to gain godly wisdom. vs. 6
- What is the result? Without God's Word, your children:
 - Will pick the wrong _____. vs. 11-13, 20
 - Will take _____ lightly. vs. 14
 - Will live a life of dishonesty. vs. 15
 - Will continually make _____ decisions. vs. 16-19

How do parents provoke their children to love the Bible?

- You must develop in them the _____ of going to God's Word each and every day. vs. 4-6
- Here are a few practical tips:
 - Start _____.
 - _____ their reading.
 - Provide _____ incentive.
 - Enforce the policy.
 - Be an _____.