

Provoking Parents Provoking Our Children to Embrace Righteousness



- 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
- In this world, Satan is trying so hard to completely _____ any line between right and wrong.
- Yet, the Bible says in Psalm 11:7, God is righteous, loves righteousness, and takes notice of a righteous person.
- How do we define right and wrong? God’s _____ is the definition of righteousness. Psalm 119:172
- Parents, it is vital that we teach our children to embrace righteousness, as defined by God’s Word. Why is this so crucial?
 - Because doing right brings _____. Psalm 37:37
 - Because doing right brings God’s strength. Psalm 37:39
 - Because doing right brings _____. Psalm 32:11
 - Because doing right brings life. Proverbs 11:19, 12:28, 21:21
 - Because doing right brings _____. Proverbs 11:18

How do parents instill the concept of righteousness in their children?

First, teach righteousness as a _____.

- Rather than doing what they _____ to do, we must teach children to do what they ought to do - to do what is right. Psalm 11:7; Romans 6:12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:34

Second, _____ the principle of righteousness.

- You have to back up your words with _____.
- When they want to disobey, you must _____ upon obedience. Colossians 3:20

Third, teach righteousness by _____.

- What we _____ speaks louder than what we _____.
2 Timothy 1:5
- If your _____ is not consistent with what you teach, you are sowing the seeds of rebellion.

Fourth, teach righteousness _____ and long.

- When they are able to understand speech, begin to instill the principle of righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:15
- This will provide a _____ that will serve your child well his or her entire life. Matthew 7:24-27