

God's Instruction for Dads

Ephesians 6:4

1. God's warning to dads: don't tempt your children

"Roman fathers had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves, he could make them work in his fields even in chains, he could take the law into his own hands, for the law was in his own hands, and punish as he liked, he could even inflict the death penalty on his child."¹

- Don't point without leading

2. God's instruction for Dads

- a. Lead in the context of relationship and love

¹William Barclay

b. Dads – instruct your children

c. Dads – discipline your children

- Discipline is to be age and child appropriate
- Discipline is to be painful but at the same time redemptive
- Discipline is to Train for Godliness

3. God's hope for dads: Remember Jesus Christ

Recommended reading:

The Enemy Within by Kris Lundgaard

Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ by John Piper

The Christian Life by Sinclair B. Ferguson

Get Into the Story by Marty Machowski

Next week: 1 Peter 2:18-25