

## Households for Christ: The Father's Leadership

*Ephesians 6:4*

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### INTRODUCTION:

*Fathers, your leadership in the parenting in your home must be consumed with 2 imperatives:*

#### 1. Humbly restrain yourself, 6:4a.

*Proverbs 15:1; 29:8*

*Fathers, what can we do in our parenting to turn away anger in our children?*

- Never let your children think it's impossible to please you. Let them know how pleased you are to be their dad.
- Strive to be consistent with boundaries and discipline. Be predictable!
- Offer encouragement or identify evidences of God's grace in your child as often as possible.
- Formulate a good parenting plan with your wife. Review it. Amend it as needed.
- Personally turn away from anger when you are corrected or admonished by your wife.
- Say "yes" more often to your child.
- Do not play favorites among your children.
- Do not condition your love upon your child's obedience.
- Do not give your children the impression your parenting reputation matters more to you than they do.
- Listen a little longer to your child's explanation/justification. Don't give them the feeling there is no recourse with dad.
- Remember that part of a child growing up is loosening the reins. In appropriate ways, let them go. Be near when they fall on their own.
- Etc.

#### 2. Intentionally train your child, 6:4b.