

Alderwood Community Church
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Effective Fathering
Colossians 3:20-21

(Pages 1167 or 1184 in chair Bible)

Big Idea: Launch your children with a legacy that will last.

1. Children, _____ your parents. (v.20)

Because...

2. Fathers, don't _____ your children. (v.21)

Dads are not _____, but _____.

Dads must not exasperate their children so they won't

_____.

Four _____ that encourage rather than exasperate.

Sermon Questions:

- 1) What do you think is the greatest pay-off about being a parent?

What do you think is the greatest burden about being a parent?

- 2) Why do you suspect that fathers are addressed in this passage and nothing is said to mothers? (By the way, same thing is exhibited in **Ephesians 6:4**)

- 3) Make a little compare and contrast list of dad behaviors that exasperate/embitter their kids and the matching behaviors that encourage.

EMBITTERING DAD BEHAVIORS VS. ENCOURAGING DAD BEHAVIORS

_____ VS _____

_____ VS. _____

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- 4) What was some of the “rightest” stuff your parents did that had a positive impact on your spiritual development?

How do you (or how would you *like* to) implement that “right stuff” in your parenting?

