

MANLINESS IN FATHERHOOD

When it comes to fatherhood, God defines manliness.

(Ephesians 6:1-4) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. Honor your father and mother - which is the first commandment with a promise - that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

1. EXALTATION

(6:1-2) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. Honor your father and mother.

- A. We tell them what we expect of them.
- B. We "remind" them what we expect of them.
- C. We "model" what we expect of them.

2. EXASPERATION

(4) Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children.

- A. Treat your children with love and respect.
- B. Treat your children like your offspring not your buddies.

3. EDUCATION

(4) Fathers... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- A. Fathers are the ones assigned to do this.
- B. To "bring them up" means to "lift them".
- C. Show them how to live according to Scripture.