

An Atmosphere Where Kids Thrive
The Bible's Principles for Parenting
Parenting Advice – Part 2 of 5
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God wants the atmosphere in our homes to maximize growth.

Ephesians 6:4 *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (ESV)*

God...

- Leads His children *“with cords of human kindness, with ties of love.” Hosea 11:4*
- Draws us to Himself with *“unfailing kindness.” Jeremiah 31:3*
- *“Leads us to repentance”* through His kindness. *Romans 2:4*
- Jesus: When the disciples tried to keep the children from Him, He *“Took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:16*

What Does Kindness Look Like?

- Building Up Your Kids, not Tearing them Down. (Eph. 4:29)
- Is being Responsive rather than Reactive.

We should seek to create an atmosphere of kindness.

Colossians 3:21 *Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (ESV)*

Truth and Love are the major elements of the right atmosphere.

Ephesians 4:15 *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (NIV84)*

My Next Step Today is...

- ☐ Strive to create an atmosphere of kindness in your home.
- ☐ Stop using words that tear down, and start using words that build up.
- ☐ Give your children or others:

Acceptance

Affection

Approval

Forgiveness