

Rev. Min Chung

I. I am deficient as a father

-Ephesians 6:4

II. I learn from the best

-Ephesians 6:4

-Ephesians 3:14-15

-Ephesians 6:4

III. I am still learning how to relate

-Ephesians 6:4

Why children might become angry

1. Abuse authority and improperly discipline them in anger
2. Spoil them
3. Neglect them
4. Not disciplining them
5. Not explaining to them
6. Placing unreasonable expectation on them and punishing them for not achieving it
7. Favoritism and comparison to other kids or other siblings
8. Criticize but never encourage

IV. I try to discipline to build, not to break

-Ephesians 6:4

Tips for disciplining children

1. Discipline should never be given in anger.
2. Discipline should be consistent.
3. Discipline should be different in method for each child.
4. Discipline should be in proportion to their sin, not your feeling.
5. Discipline should generally be less than deserved.
6. Discipline should create intimacy instead of distance.

-Colossians 3:21

V. I'm still learning what to tell them and how to tell them

-Ephesians 6:4

Lessons from Israel's history: Instructing children

1. Law - what
2. Logic - why
3. Love - no matter what
4. Love - how

VI. I try not to fight them, but to help them to fight themselves

-Ephesians 6:4

-Ephesians 6:10-13

-Proverbs 13:24

How to help them fight

1. Give them the line
2. Give them a choice
3. Tell them the consequences
4. Be patient with time and warning
5. Do all this with a spirit and tone of love
6. Encourage them for success
7. Discipline them for sins with instruction and affirmation

-Romans 5:5

VII. I try to have a long-term perspective, not short-term panic attacks

-Ephesians 6:4

-Ephesians 6:3

-Matthew 20:22

-Luke 2:34-35

VIII. I know I am not alone

-Ephesians 6:4