



## Provoked or Stoked

Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21

### I. A Father's Warning

Five ways fathers provoke their children:

- ◆ By making unreasonable demands
- ◆ Showing favoritism
- ◆ Criticizing, scolding, blaming, but seldom praising them
- ◆ Making light of their problems
- ◆ Cruel and unreasonable punishment

### II. A Father's Admonition

- A. Lead your children          Psalm 103:13;  
1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

A godly father is:

- Devoted to the spiritual success of his children
- Just and equitable
- Blameless in his behavior
- Exhorts his children to be their best for God
- Comforts when they are hurt or discouraged
- Charges them to walk worthy of God

- B. Train your children

- C. Discipline your children          Proverbs 3:12

Twelve Appropriate Steps When Spanking Your Child:

1. Take them aside, out of public view
2. Make sure they look you in the eye
3. Have them tell you what their offense was
4. Appeal to your child's conscience
5. Assure them of God's love and of yours
6. Use the Bible as your authority
7. Give them an appropriate number of swats
8. Have them apologize to you
9. Have them ask God for His forgiveness
10. Hug and love them back into fellowship
11. Pray for them
12. Have them apologize to others

- D. Admonish your children