

Ways That Parents Provoke Their Children to Anger

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You can provoke your child to anger when you fail to demonstrate biblical love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a) to your child through:

1. **Impatience** Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:1-2; Colossians 1:9-12, 3:12
Example: not waiting for your child to finish a task or hurrying your child to do something that is beyond his capabilities
2. **Unkindness** Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:32; Philippians 2:3-4; 2 Timothy 2:24; Titus 2:4-5
Example: not providing for your child's physical needs because you are too busy with your own interests
3. **Jealousy** Galatians 5:19-20; James 3:13-18
Example: trying to prove to your child that you can do something better than he can
4. **Bragging** Proverbs 27:2; Romans 1:30; 2 Corinthians 10:18
Example: saying things such as "I had it a lot harder when I was your age"
5. **Arrogance** Romans 1:30
Example: saying such things as "We'll do it my way because I'm a lot smarter and a lot bigger than you"
6. **Unbecoming actions** Ephesians 4:29
Example: purposefully embarrassing and demeaning your child by discussing his failures and shortcomings in front of others
7. **Seeking to have your own way** Philippians 2:3-4
Example: insisting that your child or family do only what you want to do
8. **Taking into account wrongs suffered** Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-13
Example: reminding your child in an accusing manner of his past failures by saying thing such as "I've told you this a thousand times ..."
9. **Rejoicing in unrighteousness** 2 Thessalonians 2:12
Example: encouraging your child to retaliate for wrongs he has suffered from others
10. **Not rejoicing in the truth** 1 Thessalonians 5:16; 1 Peter 4:13; 2 John 1:4; 3 John 1:3
Example: failing to commend your child for being truthful in a difficult situation