

Fathers Who Give Hope

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children,
or they will become discouraged.

Colossians 3:21 NIV

_____ seems to be the missing ingredient in most homes.

There are at least 6 ways to _____ your children.

Author William Hendrickson suggests there are at least six ways a father can embitter his children:

1. _____ - _____ his kids
2. _____ one child over another
3. Constantly _____ his children
4. Not letting his children be _____ individuals
5. _____ his kids
6. _____ words and _____ cruelty

_____ of _____ is all consuming.

Psalm 73:21-22

Bitterness produces three key _____

1. A lack of good ole' _____
2. A general _____ toward _____
3. A _____ that feels no _____.

Daniel 4:33

By following _____, we can instill hope in our children.

1. God gives us a model of _____ to follow.
1 John 3:2-3
2. God gives us a model of _____ to follow.
1 Peter 1:3-4
3. God gives us a model of _____ to follow.
Hebrews 10:23

4. God gives us a model of _____ to follow.

Hebrews 6:18-19

5. God looks for the _____ in his children and _____ them for it.

Hebrews 6:10-11

6. God's _____ is not withheld due to our _____.

James 1:5

By following God's model, I must concentrate on:

1. Guarding my purity, both _____ and _____.
2. Developing a reputation of _____.
3. Creating an environment of _____ by never threatening to _____ or _____ them.
4. Making sure that I say at least 5 words of _____ to every 1 word of _____.
5. _____ my children for the good that they do.
6. Never making my love _____ or _____ my love until they "deserve it".

As a Christian man, I must seek to _____ to the _____ of God in all areas of my life.

My life must never be _____, but must be seen as wholly God's.

I give my _____, my _____ and my fellow _____ hope as I become more of a man of God.

Hope is the product of _____ and _____ not _____.