

MODERN FAMILY

The Fine Art of Parenting

Ephesians 6:4

Approaches to Parenting that Exasperate:

Helicopter Parent: Hovers

Drill Sergeant Parent: Commands & Shames

911 Parent: Rescues

Barney Parent: Entertains

AWOL Parent: Ignores

Approaches to Parenting that Inspire:

Teaching Parent: Builds Competence

(Proverbs 22:6)

Motivating Parent: Builds Confidence

(Philippians 1:6)

Releasing Parent: Builds Commitment

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Starting Fresh:

- 1) Ask for feedback and shut up.
- 2) Ask God to identify any fear, pride, or selfishness.
- 3) Confess and seek forgiveness.
- 4) Initiate change and secure support.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. If you have children, describe your experience parenting them. If you don't have children, describe your experience being parented.
2. Think about the experience of being exasperated (see Ephesians 6:4). What are the irritations of the five parenting approaches that build to exasperation?
3. Of the three ways we inspire our children, which one comes easiest for you? Which come hardest?
4. Whether you're a parent or not, look at the steps for starting fresh. Is there an area in your life where you can apply these steps? Explain and take action.



Memory Verse

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4