

Straight Shooting Arrows

Colossians 3:20-21

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Malachi 2:15; Psalm 127:1-5

How do children become straight arrows?

1) Teach children to obey parents 3:20

- **Mandate** [Ex. 21:17; Eph. 6:1-3]
- **Measure**
- **Motive** [Luke 22:42]

2) Raise fathers, who do not provoke their children 3:21

Key:

***You will shoot straight arrows
by discipling children to obey parents!***

- Love their mom.
- Teach them to respect.
- Make memories.
- Lead them spiritually.

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) What are funny stories you know about children and how they view God?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) Look at Deuteronomy 6:1-9. What is God's view of how to raise children?
- 3) Why are children commanded to "obey" parents, but wives are not told to "obey" husbands?
- 4) What are reasons children may "not turn out godly"? What are several things parents must continue to do in order to provide the best opportunity for children to become godly?
- 5) What are several spiritual reasons Paul commands fathers to not provoke children? How long of a list can you make of ways a father can provoke his children?

Applying this message to life:

- 6) How would you design a relationship where the children loved being with parents AND grew to be godly young men and women?
- 7) How can you start today to be a godly example of a parent/friend and help younger people in raising their children?