not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" (Col. 3:21). Both of these verses are embedded in passages about loving and honouring each other in family relationships.

The role of a father changes as children grow, but it doesn't end. Praise and encouragement are welcomed whether a child is 4 or 40. Prayer is always powerful. And it's never too soon to mend a broken relationship with a son or daughter.

Fathers, now is a good time to tell your children how much you love and appreciate them.

> Our children need encouragement, Expressions of our love and care; Appreciation, when expressed, Accentuates the bond we share. -Sper

The greatest gift a father can give to his children is himself.



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Father's Day is celebrated in many countries worldwide. Although the origins, activities, and actual day of observance differ widely, they all share the common thread of honouring fathers for their role as parents.

This year for Father's Day, I've decided to do something different. Instead of waiting to receive a card or phone call from my children, I'm sending words of appreciation to them and to my wife. After all, without them, I wouldn't be a dad.

Paul instructed fathers to be a positive part of their children's development rather than a source of anger and discouragement. He wrote, "Fathers, do





## Our Home How to Lead

(Genesis 3:16) ".. "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."" (1 Corinthians 11:3) "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

How does love overcome leadership issues?

1. The flesh insists "what I \_\_\_\_\_" but love puts \_\_\_\_\_\_, Ephesians 5:23, 25, 28-29



(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;



understanding; {31} And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. {32} When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: {33} A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; {34} So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man." (*Psalms 128:3*) "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table."

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**[6]** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; [7] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [8] Love never fails. ..." (**Proverbs 24:30-34**) "I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of

