

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

A High Calling

Getting Started

What is one skill or character quality you learned from your father?

Digging In

1. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9.** Paraphrase v. 5.
2. What does it mean for God's commandments to *be upon our hearts*? (v. 6)
3. What has to happen before parents can pass God's word on to their children?
4. How is this same principle seen in the lives of Ezra (Ezra 7:10) and the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 11:1; Philippians 4:9)?
5. **Read Proverbs 22:6.** In your own words, what does it mean to *train a child in the way he should go*? (Keep in mind the overall thrust of the book of Proverbs. See Prov. 1:1-7)
6. What are the benefits of training a child in the way that he or she should go?
7. **Read Proverbs 3:11-12.** Why does the Lord discipline us?
8. How is this a model for fathers to follow?
9. **Read Ephesians 6:4.** What are some ways in which fathers can exasperate their children?
10. What responsibility is given to fathers in the second half of v. 4?
11. Give some practical examples of how fathers can fulfill this responsibility.



Getting Personal

- What steps are you already taking to cultivate a wholehearted love for the Lord?
- In what ways is God's word finding a home in your heart?
- How are you training your children to wholeheartedly love and eagerly obey the Lord?
- If you're not yet a parent, what have you learned from these passages to help you follow Christ more zealously, and set an example for those who are younger?