

Ways A Parent Can Provoke Their Child

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1. By being irritable, so impatient when provoked that you seem like a tea kettle about to boil over.
2. By using unfair correction--too much or too little.
3. By being inconsistent--changeable rules, not having set standards, need just a few good rules!
4. By giving too much correction and too little praise--should be a balance in this area.
5. By being partial to one child over another--warmer, more loving, more pleasant. (Favoritism is sin!)
6. By procrastinating discipline--putting off actually dealing with a discipline problem but staying mad or fussy about it (Ecc. 8:11).
7. By being too sentimental, not firm enough in your discipline. "One good spanking is worth a thousand yells." (or "begs")
8. By ignoring them, heckling or nagging at them. Stop and see yourself through your child's eyes. (O Wad some Pow'r the Giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us.)