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vulgarity, but by modeling restraint and saying, “There are things we just don’t say.” Without your example, the correction is hollow.

You teach discipline and self-control (2 Timothy 3:3), not just through punishment, but by living by the rules you set. When children see that you live by the same standard you set for them, they learn discipline. As God said of Abraham, “For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice” (Genesis 18:19). Abraham led by example.

You teach what matters by your actions. If you serve when needed, give when there is a need, and go the extra mile for important causes, your children will learn that service and sacrifice matter. Helping your wife, respecting her judgment, or assisting others in need teaches your children far more than words ever could.

You teach love (Ephesians 5:25) when you love their mother—through tender affection, kind words, quiet conversation, and even fun. The lesson might be tough at times, especially in the face of hardship, but those are often the most powerful lessons on love, sacrifice, faithfulness, and keeping promises.

Fathers teach their children devotion when they are devoted to God. A man who reveres God, prays often (1 Thessalonians 5:17), reads his Bible regularly (Acts 17:11), and lives out his beliefs (1 Peter 3:15) teaches his children the value of faith.

A father is a living object lesson for his children. They learn what to think and believe, what’s important, and so much more from him. Teaching isn’t just about lessons or devotionals; it’s about walking with them and showing them how to live.

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Fathers, Teach Your Children

Fathers, with every step you take, every word you say, every book you read, and every conversation with your wife, you are teaching your children. Fathers can’t escape it: you teach them with everything you do.

You teach the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), not by having them memorize it, but by practicing it—by showing them that their happiness matters to you and listening to their likes and dislikes. They learn it when they see that they’re not just there to serve you, but that you say “yes” as often as possible and “no” only when necessary. They understand that they don’t live by your whim, but by your wisdom.

You teach patience (1 Timothy 6:11) by remembering that instruction takes time. Children don’t grow up overnight, and consistent guidance over the years sticks. Even when a child’s antics—like the millionth SpongeBob laugh—test your limits, patience means showing them the lesson again and again.

Fathers teach clean speech (Ephesians 5:4), not just by shielding them from
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