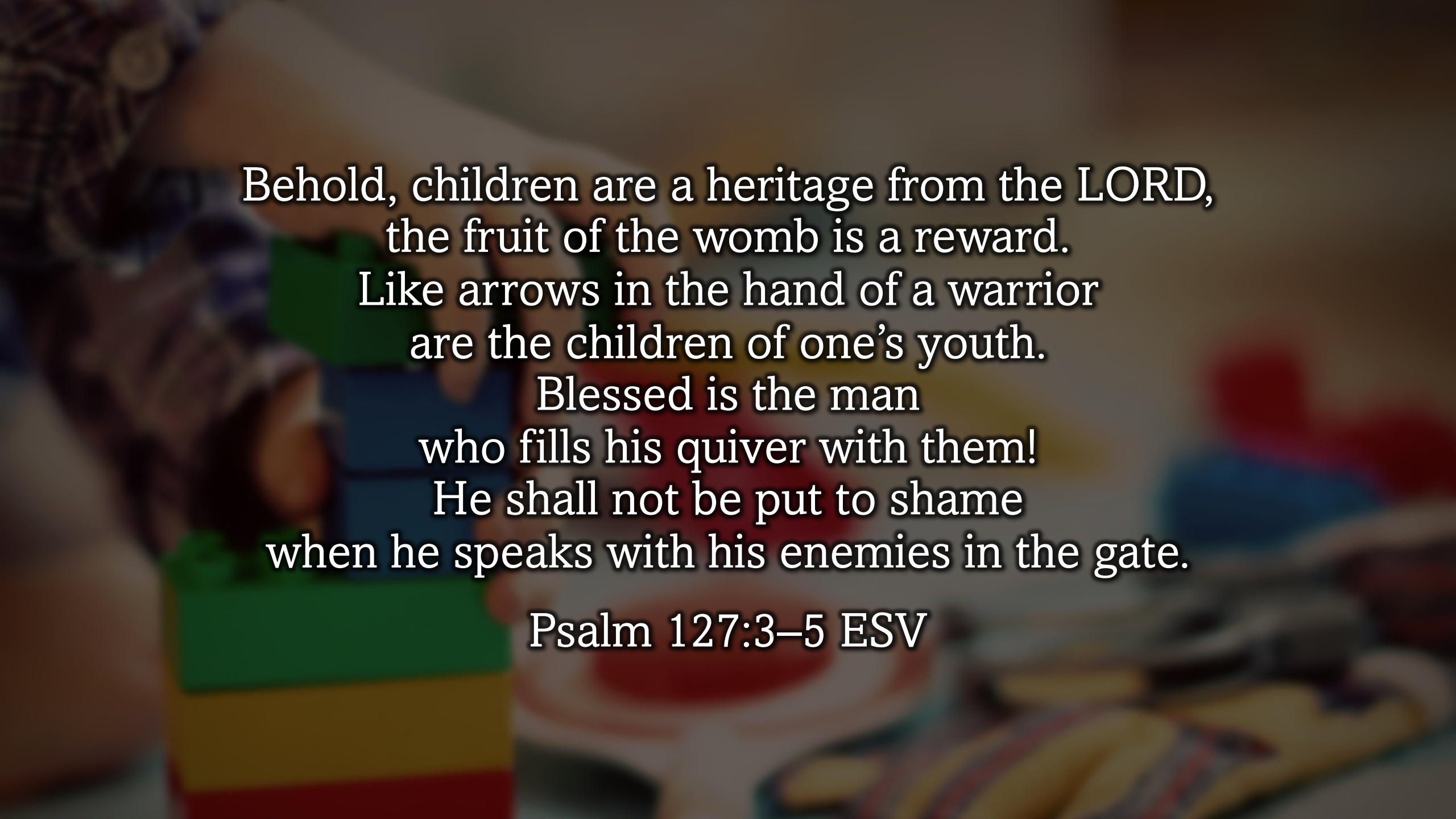
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Psalm 127:3

# **The Blessing of Children**



A young girl with dark hair, wearing a colorful dress with green, yellow, and red stripes, is holding a book. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a lamp and a bookshelf.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb is a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.  
Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127:3–5 ESV

- Amid everyday challenges, we can sometimes lose sight of the fact that children are a gift from God – Ps 127:3–5; Deut 7:12–14. **Challenge #1: Evaluate our thinking!**
- God sees children not only as gifts to be given but as persons to be loved, and he especially loves little ones – Mark 10:13–16; cf. Luke 18:15; Titus 2:4; 2 Tim 3:3. **Challenge #2: Learn to love children as God does!**
- Raising children is sometimes difficult and discouraging, but God intends for our children to give us joy – Ps 113:9; Gen 21:6–7; Prov 23:24. **Challenge #3: Rejoice!**  
**Challenge #4: Express our love and joy for our children!**



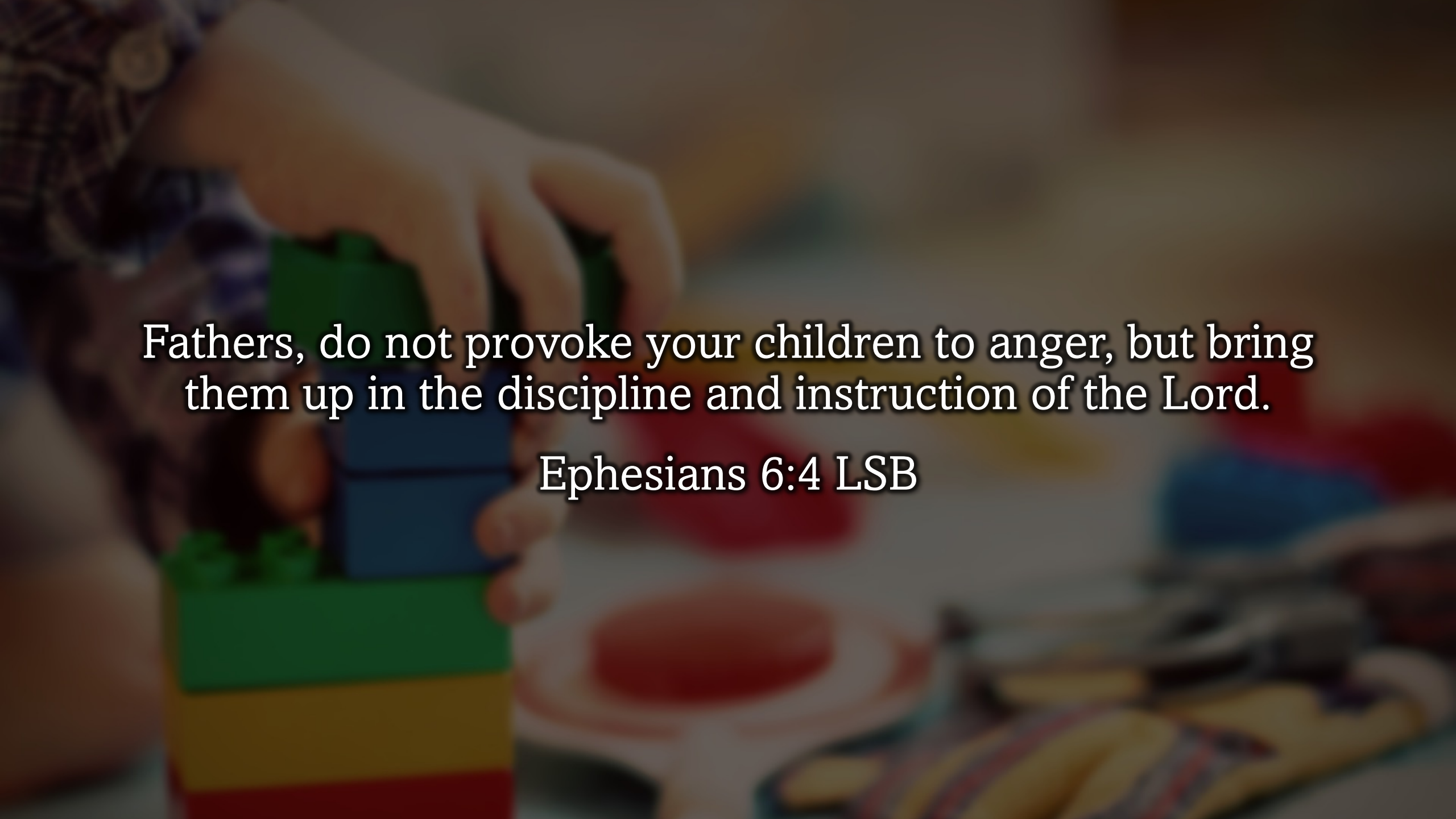
Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may instruct the young women in sensibility: to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be slandered.

Titus 2:3–5 LSB

A close-up photograph of a child's hands stacking colorful wooden blocks. The blocks are in shades of green, blue, red, and yellow. The child is wearing a patterned shirt. The background is a soft-focus patterned surface.

Fathers, do not exasperate your children,  
so that they will not lose heart.


Colossians 3:21 LSB

A close-up photograph of a child's hands stacking colorful wooden blocks. The blocks are in shades of green, blue, yellow, and red. The child is wearing a purple and white patterned shirt. The background is a white surface with large, colorful polka dots. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font with a black outline.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 LSB



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