



Parenting

Embracing **God's** Family Values

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- ✓ God's Design For Family
- ✓ God's Family And The Fall
- ✓ Vision & Culture
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Discipline
 - Wisdom For The Early Years (0-12)
 - Wisdom For The Later Years (12-Adult)

Getting Our Bearings

We are designed to live in and multiply God's Family Culture.

We are capable of it, yet inclined against it.

We must be constrained by God's vision for our children; a faithfulness to uniquely nurture each child through faithful teaching and discipline.

Parents are responsible to teach right thinking (truth) to their children through faithful modeling and instruction of God's Story and corresponding Family Values.

A Word Of Context

Ephesians 6:4

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

παιδεία | “**Discipline**”

*To bring up, train, or instruct
through correction, reprimanding, and punishment*

Deception

Teaching Is Discipline

Explanation and disciplinary choices will insure that the child will embrace the necessary change.

Transformation

Follow The Proper Order

Excessive talking robs your child of the discipline needed that brings conviction. Teach the “what” and “why” of your directives, discipline in a timely fashion when your child rejects them, and then teach again immediately after discipline.

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Adam & Eve	Genesis 3
Achan's sin	Joshua 7
Job's repentance	Job 42
Ananias & Sapphira	Acts 5
Corinthian Sexual Immorality	1 Corinthians 5
Corinthian Selfishness In The Love Feast	1 Corinthians 11
Fellowship	1 John 1:6-9

Deception

God's Word Does Not Apply

Satanic ideologies challenge the believer as to whether or not God has offered wisdom for their child.

Transformation

Consider The Source

Be critical and discerning in considering any parenting advice or methodology. Pursue a fundamentally Biblical approach that is rooted in the conviction that God HAS spoken on the topic.

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Deception

True Love Would Never Harm A Child

If you loved your child you would never harm them in any way. Harming them confuses them.

Transformation

Godly, directed pain is a powerful teacher

Painful discipline that is informed by love, leads to life and stability. If you don't follow God's model, someone else will, but with much worse motives.

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Deception

Do Not Discipline Like Your Parents

Remember your experience as a child and how your parents disciplined you! Don't make that mistake with your kids.

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Discipline In God

Discipline must be modeled after the Father, not in reaction to personal experiences or the example of your parents.

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Pain In Discipline Hurts A Child

Children will become confused if you use pain to discipline them; they will also resent you later.

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Discipline With Conviction

*Appropriate pain breaks the will of the child, not their spirit.
Do not substitute with lesser, potentially confusing methods.*

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Discipline Doesn't Work

Try it, you will see...discipline doesn't make the kid stop! You need to find a more practical solution.

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Play The Long Game

Embrace the faithfulness and the long view of discipline; positioning your child for lifelong growth and not a guarantee of immediate results.

Proverbs 22:6

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 29:17

¹⁷ Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

Proverbs 29:15

¹⁵ The **rod** and reproof give wisdom,
but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 23:13-14

¹³ Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. ¹⁴ If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

Other Forms Of Discipline?

Grounding

Removal of privileges

Other forms of physical discipline (?)

Proverbs 22:15

¹⁵ Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Proverbs 10:13

¹³ On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found,
but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.

Proverbs 13:24

²⁴ Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

1 Samuel 3:13

¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

Implementation

When

How

God's Family Values

- ★ Satan's aim is to deceive us into thinking that God's Word doesn't apply to discipline in our parenting.
- ★ Discipline must always be balanced with teaching.
- ★ Discipline must always be based on God's example and God's wisdom.
- ★ Discipline is not for present change but future flourishing.
- ★ Discipline must be painful.
- ★ Discipline's aim is repentance and humility under authority.
- ★ Discipline to reinforce the authority of your word.
- ★ Discipline for disobedience and defiance.
- ★ Discipline in a way that affirms relationship, love, and forgiveness.

Next Week

Wisdom For The Younger Years