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**Recommended Reading:**

*Gospel-Powered Parenting* by William Farley (ch. 9)  
*Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp (ch. 11, 15)

**Course outline:**

Week 1 – God's Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family to the Church & the World

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can't Reach the Heart

**Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction**

Week 8 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 9 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 10 – The Teen Years

Week 11 – Panel Discussion

Week 12 -- Children, Technology & Social Media

Week 13 – The Gospel and Overzealous Parenting

**Core Seminars – Christian Life  
Parenthood  
Week 7****Corrective Discipline:  
The Rod of Correction****I. Introduction**

- **Cultural perceptions**
- **A critical word of caution**
- **Context is crucial**

**II. Nature of children shows their need for the rod and the wisdom it imparts**

- **By nature children are foolish**
- **A key tool for driving out foolishness is  
The rod**
- **The rod imparts wisdom by**
  - **providing an immediate, tactile  
demonstration of the foolishness of rebellion**

- **imparting to the child a proper fear of punishment**

### III. What is the rod?

The rod is a parent, in faith toward God and faithfulness toward his or her children, undertaking the responsibility of careful, timely, measured, and controlled use of physical punishment to underscore the importance of obeying God, and thus rescuing the child from continuing in his foolishness until death.

- A parental exercise
- An act of faith
- An act of faithfulness
- A responsibility
- A physical punishment
- A rescue mission
  - The circle of safety (Eph. 6:1-3)

### IV. When & how do I use the rod?

- **When**

- When you have given a directive that your child has heard and understood, and is within his capacity to obey, and he has not obeyed without challenge, without excuse, or without delay

#### ○ **How**

- Go to a private place.
- Tell him what he has done or failed to do. Never spank for “general purposes.”
- Secure an acknowledgement.
- Remind child that you’re not angry, but that you must obey God.
- Tell the child how many swats.
- Lay child across your lap.
- Administer swats.
- Take child onto lap, tell him how much you love him, and share Gospel.
- Check to see if there’s complete restoration. If not, check your spirit; then check his.
- Pray.

### V. Frequently asked questions...