

## **LESSON 17 | A BIBLICAL PRIMER ON DISCIPLINE**

Discipline is part-and-parcel to being a parent. It is the God-given responsibility of parents to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ nurture their children *in the fear and admonition of the Lord* (Ephesians 6:4). Parental discipline is actually a reflection of our Good Father's loving correction of His children (Hebrews 12:5-11).

**KEY PRINCIPLE:** God's standards are the same for you and your children. They are revealed in God's Word and are designed to develop Christlike character in you and in every member of your family (Isaiah 55:8-11).

**KEY PRINCIPLE:** Faithfully discipling (training, educating, correcting) your child in a manner that pleases the Lord is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_. It also is a step of obedience for you as a parent and provides godly direction for your child (Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18).

### **QUESTION: WHY IS DISCIPLINE NECESSARY**

**#1:** Discipline is God's way of keeping you and your children from straying into further sin and disobedience (Psalm 119:67)

**#2:** God's discipline, which is often applied through parents to children, is for the **good** of the individual (Hebrews 12:10)

**#3:** Discipline produces righteous character in those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:10-11)

**#4:** Since God has commanded parents to discipline their children, failure to do so is **sin** (Proverbs 23:13; Ephesians 6:4; James 4:17)

**#5:** Without discipline, the foolishness of a child will lead to his poverty, shame, a completely selfish way of life, and ultimate ruin (Proverbs 13:18).

### **QUESTION: HOW & WHEN IS DISCIPLINE CARRIED OUT**

**#1:** Parental discipline is to be carried out in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a), because God is loving in His discipline of His children.

**#2:** Parental discipline is to be carried out \_\_\_\_\_, as you diligently study the Word of God.

**#3:** Parental discipline should establish \_\_\_\_\_, clear-cut guidelines, as God has done with His children (Deuteronomy 4:13-14)

# FOUNDATIONS

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**#4:** Parental discipline \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of obedience & the discipline or consequences that come from disobedience (Proverbs 3:12)

**#5:** When children disobey, lovingly explain exactly how they disobeyed God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

**#6:** When children disobey, lovingly explain how God's Word **instructs** them to live

A. You must take into consideration your child's level of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as you encourage them to obey the Word of God.

**#7:** When children disobey, it is the parents God given responsibility to bring **consequence** or discipline into their life.

A. A parent must be willing, \_\_\_\_\_, to agree with their God given role (Proverbs 3:12; Proverbs 29:17; Proverbs 13:24)

B. A parent must be willing to *affect the heart* or *bend the will* of their child through discipline (Hebrews 12:5-7; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 29:15 & 17)

C. A parent must gospelize their children *through* the process of discipline (i.e. proclaim the gospel of God's holiness, grace, judgement, love, and mercy)

**#8:** When children disobey, it is ultimately against the Lord and not to be taken **personally**

A. Children are commanded by God to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1)

B. Fathers, in particular, are commanded to not \_\_\_\_\_ their children to anger (Ephesians 6:4).

QUESTION: How do Father's provoke their children to anger?

BY taking their children's sins personally rather than an offense against God

BY placing too heavy a \_\_\_\_\_ on their children that they cannot bear (*i.e. demanding perfection from their children or demanding that children cannot be childish*)

BY not correcting their children the \_\_\_\_\_ they disobey (*i.e. threatening & repeating*)

BY not differentiating between \_\_\_\_\_ rules & \_\_\_\_\_  
rules

THE GOAL: That your child would embrace the goodness and grace of God because they know that life on His terms is truly better than life on their own.

