

# The Secrets to Successful Parenting

Family Matters - Part 6

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*"Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3, NLT)*

## WHAT MY KIDS NEED MOST

### 1. CONSISTENCY

*"...If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong." (Romans 14:23, The Message)*

### 2. COMPASSION

*"You must always act like your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:48, CEV)*

*"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." (Psalm 145:8, NIV)*

*"...older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children," (Titus 2:4, NLT)*

### 3. CORRECTION

*"Correct your children while there is still hope; do not let them destroy themselves." (Proverbs 19:18, NCV)*

*"A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children by disciplining them." (Proverbs 13:24, The Message)*

|           | <b>PUNISHMENT</b>             | <b>DISCIPLINE</b>            |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Purpose:  | Inflict <b><u>PENALTY</u></b> | Promote <b><u>GROWTH</u></b> |
| Focus:    | <b><u>PAST</u></b>            | <b><u>FUTURE</u></b>         |
| Attitude: | <b><u>ANGER</u></b>           | <b><u>LOVE</u></b>           |
| Result:   | <b><u>FEAR / GUILT</u></b>    | <b><u>SECURITY</u></b>       |

## HOW TO DISCIPLINE

*"And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves..." (Ephesians 6:4, The Living Bible) cf. Hebrews 12:11*

➤ **CALMLY**

*"Foolish people lose their tempers, but wise people control theirs." (Proverbs 29:11, NCV)*

➤ **QUICKLY**

*"...if you love [your son], you will be prompt to punish him." (Proverbs 13:24, The Living Bible)*

➤ **ACCORDINGLY**

*"Words alone will not discipline...the words may be understood, but they are not heeded." (Proverbs 29:19, NLT)*

➤ **SPARINGLY**

*"Fathers, don't scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying." (Colossians 3:21, The Living Bible)*

4. **COUNSEL**

*"You must teach [these commandments] to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning." (Deuteronomy 6:7, The Living Bible)*

5. **COACHING**

*"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." (Proverbs 22:6, NLT)*

*(AMP) "Train... in keeping with his individual gift or bent."*

**FOUR AREAS OF UNIQUENESS**

- **PERSONALITY**
- **LEARNING STYLE**
- **APTITUDE**
- **LOVE LANGUAGE**

6. **CLOSURE**

*"Parents must not be put to death if their children do wrong, and children must not be put to death if their parents do wrong. Each person must die for his own sin." (Deuteronomy 24:16, NCV)*

*"But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." (John 9:21, NIV)*

**TRUTH:**

**I will never stop being a parent, but there is a point in which I should stop PARENTING.**

**Resources:**

*Parenting isn't for Cowards / Dare to Discipline / Bringing Up [Boys/Girls] / The Strong-Willed Child - Dobson  
The Way They Learn - Tobias*