

# Toddlers Ascending

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## I. The Discipline/Affirmation Continuum *Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)*

### A. The Ouch Factor

1. Discipline = An ouch factor that leads to freedom.  
*Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)*

2. Three Ouch Factors for Toddlers:

a) Spanking  
*Proverbs 23:13-14 (NIV)*

b) Lost Privileges

c) Amends  
*Ezek. 33:15*

### B. The Blessing Factor *Genesis 49:28 (NIV)*

1. Four ways to bless toddlers:  
(1) Have fun

(2) Cultivate conversation

(3) Date your kids

(4) Use nicknames

## Base Camp Discussion Questions

Read through some of the primary passages of the sermon together and discuss any insights that jump out to you.

1. In the sermon, the discipline/affirmation continuum was discussed.
2. When you were growing up, how did your parents navigate this?
3. How did your parents discipline you well?
4. As a parent, which end of the continuum do you lean toward (Discipline or Affirmation)?
5. What did you learn today from the message?

*Next week, we will study agape love and how it applies to family life. You may want to read 1 Corinthians 13 in preparation.*