

## SBSG Questions Ephesians 6:1-4

1. Do you recall any discipline you received that was “impactful?” (No pun intended) What made it so?
2. Why do you think Paul goes directly from husband/wife (love/respect) relationship to relationship with children?
3. How are discipline and punishment different? Read Hebrews 12:3-11. Describe God’s discipline of us? How does it reflect the truth of verse 4?
4. Why do you think fathers are singled out here? List some ways you have seen children “provoked to anger.” What are the long term consequences of this type of discipline

### Biblical Principles of Childrearing

#### Punishment vs. Discipline

	Punishment	Discipline
Action	Retaliatory	Remedial
Perspective	Views child as a sinner	Views child as a fallen image bearer
Purpose	Inflict penalty for offense	Train for correction and maturity
Focus	Past misdeeds	Future correct acts
Attitude	Hostility and frustration on part of parent	Love and concern on part of parent
Resulting emotion in child	Fear and guilt	Security & positive motivation

Parent/Child Relations		Purpose of Discipline	
Pr. 10:1	Pr. 13:24,25	Pr. 29:15	Give (impart) wisdom
Pr. 15:5,10	Pr. 22:15	Pr. 29:15	Avoid shaming parents
Pr. 17:21,25	Pr. 23:13,14	Pr. 19:18	Avoid ruining child’s life!
Pr. 19:13,26,27			
Pr. 28:24			
Pr. 29:15,17			

NOTE: Adapted and expanded from, “Help I’m A Parent”, Bruce Narramore, 1972