

## **DISCIPLINE/CHASTISEMENT OF CHILDREN**

“To bury a child is a great grief. But to have that child live and sin against you is ten times worse.” Charles H. Spurgeon

“Discipline and chastisement demonstrates true parental love for a child.”  
Jeff Dial

“I heard a parent who said that he wanted his child to be able to decide for himself about God, church, religion, and what is right and wrong. The devil, however, was quite willing to decide these things for the child.” Paraphrase of Charles H. Spurgeon

“Chastisement and vengeful anger are two very different things.” Jeff Dial

“Failure to lead a child to faith in Jesus Christ and teach a child about spiritual things and right from wrong according to the Bible guarantees sin will fill the life of the child. Where the plow does not go and good seed is not sown, weeds are sure to multiply. If a child is left untrained and undisciplined, all sorts of evil will spring up in their hearts and lives.”  
Paraphrase of Charles H. Spurgeon

“God never consulted with man concerning whether or how children should be disciplined and chastised.” Jeff Dial

“Proper, consistent, regular chastisement ensures children will respect and cling to us as parents. The more children are chastised, the more they will love their parents.” Paraphrase of Charles H. Spurgeon

“I have never learned anything from God except by the rod.” Charles H. Spurgeon

“This life is all about learning and obeying God’s word (King James Bible) without regard for what man thinks about it.” Jeff Dial

### Additional Verses for Study

Exodus 20:12; 21:15-17; Lev. 19:3; 20:9; Deut. 5:16; 8:5, 21; 11:19-23; 21:18-21;  
Prov. 1:8-9; 3:11-12; 4:1-5, 10; 6:20-22; 10:1; 13:1; 15:20; 17:21, 25; 19:13, 26;  
Prov. 20:11, 20; 22:6, 15; 23:22-24, 30:11, 17; Eccl. 4:13  
Matt. 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20  
Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21; 1 Tim. 3:12; Titus 1:6

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- A. It is primarily the father's responsibility to insure the discipline of children.
1. Ephesians 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
  2. Colossians 3:21 "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."
  3. 1 Thessalonians 2:11 "As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children."
  4. 1 Timothy. 3:4 "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity =>(sincerity/honesty)"
  5. Hebrews 12:6-7 "[6] For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. [7] If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
    - a. Discipline is necessary for the children to feel secure.
    - b. Insecurity in children will occur when there is no discipline or consequences for rebellious behavior.
- B. To fail to discipline children proves the parent hates the child.
1. Proverbs 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."
- C. We are commanded to chastise our children to the point of them crying and feeling remorseful. We must discipline children while they are young and there is still hope. **Failure to discipline is no favor to the child.**
1. Proverbs 19:18 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."
- D. Chastisement, properly and consistently administered, cleanses away evil from a child's character and stripes do the same for the inward life.
1. Proverbs 20:30 "The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly."
  2. It is never right to chasten a child out of anger or a hot temper.  
Psalm 6:1 "O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure."

E. Chastening is natural with God. It is not supposed to be pleasant at the time it is done. It is for the purpose of changing the child into becoming a godly person.

1. Hebrews 12:5-11 “[5] And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: [6] For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. [7] If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? [8] But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. [9] Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? [10] For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. [11] Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

F. Chastisement will lead a child to Jesus. Failure to discipline sends the child to hell.

1. Proverbs 23:13-14 “[13] Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. [14] Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

G. Children left to themselves will only bring shame to their parents.

Chastisement brings wisdom. Rebellious & whiny children are insecure and are crying out to know three things: “Who’s in charge here?” “Who’s going to take care of me?” and “What are my boundaries?”

1. Proverbs 29:15 “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

H. Disciplined children bring delight and peace (rest) to the parents.

1. Proverbs 29:17 “Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.”

I. Children are commanded to obey their parents.

1. Ephesians 6:1 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.”

2. Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”