

Session 4: Love & Discipline

_____ is the key, not _____.

We must communicate _____, _____, and _____ in our children.

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” NIV

Loving parents discipline their kids because it _____ the _____.

Proverbs 13:24 If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don’t love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them. NLT

Loving parents discipline their kids because it brings _____, _____, and _____ to the home.

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

Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul. NIV

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

Our heavenly Father _____.

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, ¹²because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. NIV

Hebrews 12:5-11 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. NIV

Love paves the way for the _____ of _____.

Loving discipline exchanges a _____ amount of pain _____,
for an _____ amount of pain _____.

Proverbs 15:10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path;
he who hates correction will die. NIV

We need to _____ and _____ good behavior
and _____ and _____ bad behavior.

3 keys to successful discipline

1) _____

2) _____

Ecclesiastes 8:11 When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.

3) _____

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for those who have been trained by it.

Kids will always bump up against the _____. But if you discipline
effectively, their behaviors will _____ to the boundaries
you have set.

The clearest discipline method the Bible talks about with our children

is _____.

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. ¹⁴Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

_____ works because _____ tells us to _____.

What are the benefits of _____?

- **Spanking is _____.**
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- **Spanking is _____.**
 - **Spanking drives out _____.**
Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.
 - **Spanking _____ their _____ from death**
Proverbs 23:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
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 - **Spanking imparts _____.**
Proverbs 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.
 - **Spanking keeps you from being _____ by the _____ of your children**
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 - **Spanking changes the _____.**
Proverbs 20:30 Physical punishment cleanses away evil; such discipline purifies the heart. NLT

Do not withhold _____ or use them as a _____.

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Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful [diligent, or prompt] to discipline him. NIV [NAS,NKJ]

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares his rod [of discipline] hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines diligently and punishes him early. AMP

How do you _____?

- _____
- _____ the offense.
- _____ discipline.
- Use a “_____.”
- Test _____ with simple _____.
- _____ as necessary.
- Once discipline is _____, it is _____.

2 Corinthians 2:6-7 The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him.

⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. NIV

Psalms 30:5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. NIV

Some discretionary thoughts:

- Baby phase:
- Age:
- Swats:
- Instrument:

House Rules

- 1. Always live in a way that honors God.**
Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
- 2. Treat others as you would want to be treated.**
Matthew 7:12 Do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
- 3. Share with others.**
Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
- 4. Only tell the truth.**
Leviticus 19:11b "Do not lie.' 'Do not deceive one another.'"
- 5. Don't take what belongs to someone else.**
Leviticus 19:11a "Do not steal.'"
- 6. Be thankful for what you have, and what you're given.**
Philippians 4:11b I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
- 7. Be kind to others.**
Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another.
- 8. Treat your siblings with great kindness. They are your closest "neighbors."**
Mark 12:31a The second [most important command] is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
- 9. Obey your parents.**
Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- 10. Treat your parents with respect.**
Ephesians 6:2a "Honor your father and mother.'"
- 11. Obey teachers, coaches, and other trusted adults.**
1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men.
- 12. Always speak cheerfully.**
Philippians 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing.
- 13. Do not speak with harsh words or a harsh tone.**
Ephesians 4:29a Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths.
- 14. When you are given a job to do, work hard.**
Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...
- 15. Control your anger and frustration.**
James 1:19b Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
- 16. Do not take revenge when you've been wronged. Get help from a parent.**
Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.
- 17. Don't talk back.**
Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame.
- 18. Have a happy heart.**
Proverbs 15:30a A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.
- 19. Forgive others.**
Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- 20. Accept discipline with a good heart.**
Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

Basic Behavioral Standards

Speech

- Don't talk back.
- Don't cuss.
- Don't use harsh words or euphemisms that take from God's glory (OMG, gees, holy guacamole etc.)
- Speak kindly.
- No yelling or screaming in the house.
- No uncontrolled yelling outside (out of respect for the neighbors)
- Don't call people names.
- Use people's preferred names.
- Use miss, missus, and mister with adults.
- Don't lie.
- Don't deceive.
- Answer politely when spoke to.
- Don't comment negatively about or to people.
- Don't tease and make fun of others.
- No squabbling.
- Do not complain.
- Do not argue.

Behavior

- Obey quickly, completely, and cheerfully.
- Obey the first time.
- Don't roll your eyes
- Don't run in the house.
- Don't throw things at others.
- Don't hit, kick, pinch, slap, or scratch.
- Don't take away from others.
- Don't burp loudly or impolitely.
- Don't interrupt.
- If you're not sure if something is a good idea, don't do it without asking permission.
- When your parents are not home, don't do anything you think they would disapprove of.
- Have a cheerful countenance.
- Listen patiently.
- Knock before entering.
- If the bathroom door is shut and the light is on, wait patiently. Don't knock or start a conversation.
- No stealing (including candy and treats).
- Obey all authority unless the authority is asking you to do something inappropriate. This includes older siblings when appropriate.
- Children should say "Please" and "Thank you."

- Answer the phone with "Hello, this is the Smiths. Would you like to speak to my mom or my dad?"
- Introduce yourself when phoning others.
- No running or yelling at church, even after the service.
- Keep their room reasonably picked up.
- Help with household chores.
- Ask to be excused from the table. Otherwise stay in your seat.
- Replace the used roll of toilet paper.
- Take your plate to the sink and rinse it.
- Get up when your alarm goes off or someone wakes you up.
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze.
- Don't touch the curtains.
- Don't talk with food in your mouth.
- Hold doors open for others.
- If you open something, shut it.
- If you turn something on, shut it off.
- If you spill something, clean it up.
- If you borrow something, bring it back.
- If you get something out, put it away.
- Put your clothes in the hamper.
- Serve others in need.
- Don't ask to be first or to get the biggest piece.
- Don't gamble or make bets.
- Go out of your way to make younger children feel loved and appreciated.
- Don't go behind closed doors with adults and don't allow the younger kids to do so.
- Don't eat with your fingers unless it is finger food.
- Use a napkin not your shirt.
- Thank people when you leave their house.
- Little kids: Stay in bed. Keep your head on your pillow.
- Little kids: Don't touch outlets, plants, and Christmas ornaments.
- Go to bed on time. Not a minute late.
- Take care of your toys, possessions, and pets.
- Don't climb on the furniture.
- Don't get even. Ask for help.
- Don't open or read other's mail.
- Ask permission before leaving the house or inviting someone over.
- Don't scare people (very often ;-))