

Disciplining Children
Biblical Parenting – Part 6
Life Church St. Louis – September 3, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Matthew 28:19-20a (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Colossians 3:20 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Proverbs 13:24 (ESV) Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

1. God the Father is our _____

Hebrews 12:3 (ESV) Consider him [Jesus] who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 5:8 (ESV) Although he [Jesus] was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

A. Parents must _____ their children

Hebrews 12:5 (ESV) And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

B. Discipline reflects a parent's _____

Hebrews 12:6 (ESV) For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

2. Discipline _____ children

Hebrews 12:7 (ESV) It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

A. Poor parenting lacks _____

Hebrews 12:8 (ESV) If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

B. Children _____ parents who discipline

Hebrews 12:9 (ESV) Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

3. Discipline's _____ is the child's good

Hebrews 12:10 (ESV) For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

A. Discipline is _____

Hebrews 12:11a (ESV) For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant ...

B. Discipline trains children for _____

Hebrews 12:11b (ESV) ... but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Disciplining Children Study Guide

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Intro. Why is the goal of biblical parenting making disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20a)?

How does learning to obey parents lead to children obeying God (Colossians 3:20)?

Explain what Proverbs 13:24 means in your own words.

How does the truth of Proverbs 13:24 differ from our culture's opinions?

- 1A. How can the relationship of God the Father and Jesus, the Son serve as an example for parenting (Hebrews 12:3, 5:8)?
- 1B. How can the relationship of God the Father with His other children serve as an example of discipline (Hebrews 12:5)?
- 1C. How does the Lord's discipline for His children reflect His love (Hebrews 12:6)?
- 1D. What are the steps of administering loving biblical discipline to a child?

- 2A. Why should children expect discipline from their parents (Hebrews 12:7)?
- 2B. Why do many parents not use godly discipline with their children (Hebrews 12:8)? What will be the result of poor discipline?
- 2C. Why does godly discipline lead to children respecting their parents (Hebrews 12:9)?
- 2D. What would you say to someone who argues that all forms of physical discipline are child abuse?
- 2E. What other forms of discipline can be used in addition to physical discipline?
- 3A. What is God's purpose in disciplining His children (Hebrews 12:10)? How would you describe the purpose of discipline for a godly parent?
- 3B. Why must all discipline be painful for a moment (Hebrews 12:11a)?
- 3C. What is the end result of godly discipline (Hebrews 12:11b)?
- 3D. How should discipline in the teen years differ from discipline in the pre-teen years?