



BIBLICAL PARENTING

Parental Responsibilities: Discipline — Part 1

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I. Your discipline must be shaped by the nature of your children

- A. They are made in the image of God
- B. They will exist for all of eternity either in heaven or hell
- C. They are sinners

Proverbs 22:15

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.”

II. Your discipline must be shaped by God's discipline of His children

- Deuteronomy 8 – A Picture of God's Discipline
- Hebrews 12:4-11 – Principles of God's Discipline

A. What is God's relationship to His children?

- ▶ Loving Father
- ▶ Authority

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B. Who is disciplined by God?

- ▶ God disciplines every one of His children, whom He loves (Heb. 12:6-8)

C. Why does God discipline His children?

- ▶ For their good and maturity as preparation for the future

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D. What are the specific goals of God's discipline?

- ▶ That they will obey Him (authority/humility)
- ▶ That they will be like Him (holiness)

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E. What are the means of God's discipline:

- ▶ Teaching and instruction
- ▶ Rules/consequences/rewards
- ▶ Circumstances that shape, develop and test character
- ▶ Provision and withholding

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F. How does God discipline? What are the characteristics of His discipline?

- ▶ He is patient
- ▶ He is consistent
- ▶ He is intentional

III. Your discipline must be shaped by the warnings and exhortations of Scripture

A. Do not neglect discipline when your children are young

Proverbs 19:18 “Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death.”

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

III. Your discipline must be shaped by the warnings and exhortations of Scripture

- A. Do not neglect discipline when your children are young
- B. Do not discipline in a way that provokes your children to anger

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Ways parents provoke/exasperate their children:

- Overprotection
- Overindulgence
- Favoritism
- Unrealistic goals
- Overly critical
- Neglect
- Condescension
- Conditional love
- Lack of humility
- Physical and verbal abuse

III. Your discipline must be shaped by the warnings and exhortations of Scripture

- A. Do not neglect discipline when your children are young
- B. Do not discipline in a way that provokes your children to anger
- C. Recognize that “the rod” is the primary means God has given you to discipline your children

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