

Parental Responsibilities: Discipline (Pt. 2)

Biblical Parenting Class – Week #3

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

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

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

1. Do not neglect discipline when your children are young.

- *Proverbs 19:18*

- *Proverbs 22:6*

2. Do not discipline in a way that provokes your children to anger.

- *Ephesians 6:4 (Colossians 3:21)*

3. Recognize that " _____ " is the primary means God has given you to discipline your children.

-*Proverbs 29:15*

-*Proverbs 13:24*

-*Proverbs 10:13*

-*Proverbs 26:3*

-*Proverbs 22:13-14*

-*Proverbs 22:15*

"The rod is a parent, in faith toward God and faithfulness toward his or her children, undertaking the responsibility of careful, timely, measured, and controlled use of physical punishment to underscore the importance of obeying God, thus rescuing the child from continuing in his foolishness until death."

-Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, p. 104

Why don't people use the rod of discipline?

Why this as opposed to other forms of discipline?

Does that mean I can never use other forms of discipline/consequences?

When should I use the rod?

*When should I **not** use the rod?*

How should I use the rod?

A Suggested Model of a Wise, Gospel-Centered Spanking

1. Correct _____

2. Correct _____

3. Correct _____

4. Correct _____

5. Correct _____

6. Correct _____

7. Correct _____

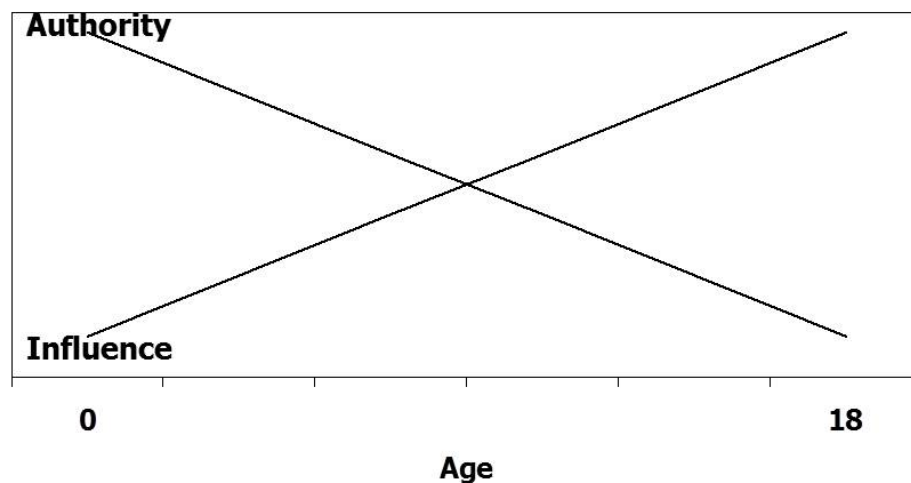
8. Correct _____

9. Correct _____

10. Correct _____

IV. Your discipline must be shaped by the _____ and _____ of your child.

- Transition from _____ discipline to _____-discipline
- Transition from _____ to _____ (from *Shepherding a Child's Heart*)



- Transition through the different _____ of life
 1. Infants
 2. Toddlers

"Often the parent must sacrifice time, energy, and personal desires to obey the Lord and discipline the little one 'while there is hope'." *The Faithful Parent*, p. 57

3. Older Preschool and Elementary Children

4. Teenagers

V. Your discipline must target the _____ and be shaped by the _____

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- How do we target the heart?

1. What _____?

2. What were you _____ and _____ when that happened?

3. What did you do in _____?

4. Why did you do it, and what were you _____ to _____?

5. What was the _____?

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"Grace doesn't mean no discipline. Instead, it changes the *way* we discipline. We combine discipline with love and acceptance. We discipline our children and point to the forgiveness won at the cross..."

-Gospel-Centered Family, p. 47

- Biblical discipline is vital to your children _____ the gospel.

Questions for Reflection

1. Read back through Hebrews 12 and Deuteronomy 8. Are there any aspects of God's discipline that were surprising to you? How should His example shape your discipline as a parent?
2. What should your goals be in disciplining your children? How are these different than what has been true for you in the past?
3. How are you prone to provoke your children to anger? What practical steps can you take to change?
4. Is "the rod" a primary means of your discipline? If not, why hasn't it been?
5. Why is it so important for your children to learn to obey your authority?
6. By God's grace, what will you strive to change about how you discipline your kids this next week? What steps will you take to implement these changes?