

Bring It Home - Part 3: Correct the Error

Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11

1st base: Connecting with your heart is the foundation of parenting.

2nd base: Directing - Parents are the primary disciplers of their kids.

3rd base: Correcting the error when they do wrong so they can do right.

**Disciplining children is like staking a tree—
it requires gentleness, firmness, connection, guidance, and support—
so they _____ to grow straight and strong on their own.**

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up [connect] in the discipline [correct] and instruction [direct] of the Lord." - Ephesians 6:4 [ESV]

The Purpose of Discipline

1. To promote the _____ of the child—Hebrews 12:5-11

- The purpose of discipline is to bring about the peaceable fruit of righteousness, to produce godliness, morally responsible behavior.

Discipline is Different from Punishment

The purpose of punishment—to inflict penalty and _____.

-A past focus—what you did. Motive is anger—I'm making you pay.

The purpose of discipline—to make them like _____.

-A future focus—becoming a morally responsible person. Motive is love.

2. To remove _____ from a child's heart – Proverbs 22:15

Who is a Fool?

- Despises a parent's instruction—Proverbs 15:5
- Does what he wants to do, what is right in his own eyes—Proverbs 12:15
- Is his own authority. By doing so, he says there is no God—Psalm 14:1

The Rod of Correction / Spanking is biblical – referenced 11 times

-Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 20:30; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17; Job 5:17-18; 2 Samuel 7:14; Psalm 89:32; Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-9.

Observations

- 1) If you chastise, it should be for discipline not punishment
- 2) We do not chastise childishness, we chastise rebellion.

Resources on Discipline

- New Dare to Discipline – Dr. James Dobson
- Boundaries with Kids – Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend
- Have a New Kid By Friday - Dr. Kevin Leman

Discipline through appropriate _____

- Reinforce good character with verbal praise
- Verbal admonitions
- Isolation—time outs / older kids - remove their social contacts.
- Logical consequences—pay sibling out of allowance to do chore
- Let reality be their teacher—don't rescue your kids from the consequences of failed responsibility (completing homework, waking them up)

How Do You Stake a Tree (Discipline)?

1. _____ & _____

- Are your emotions in check? You want to discipline, not punish.

2. _____ & _____ - Proverbs 13:24; Ecclesiastes 8:11

- Discipline should occur after the incident happens – don't wait 30 minutes
- Both parents need to discipline so that one is not always the "bad guy"
- Exception: when you are out in public, wait until you get home.

3. _____ - Matthew 18:15

- Don't discipline in front of other people or siblings, go to a private room.
- If multiple siblings are involved, then do it privately with the group.

4. _____ **with them afterwards** - Job 5:17-18

- Love them and make them whole.

5. _____ - Proverbs 29:15

- When we are done with the consequence of discipline, talk about their actions, train them, and pray with them.