

# PARENTAL DISCIPLINE



## IT IS NEEDED TO:

1. Produce understanding: Proverbs 10:13
2. Drive out foolishness: Proverbs 22:15  
The phrase “bound up”: means firmly fixed  
Discipline can help expel wrong actions with wisdom.  
Discipline is moral correction.  
The rod of discipline stands for all forms of discipline or training.  
Just as God disciplines us to make us better (to do right), so should parents do with their children.
3. Deliver them from Sheol: Proverbs 23:13-14  
Children need moral correction. The discipline may save him/her from eternal death.
4. Produce obedience: Proverbs 19:18  
Discipline your child but not in anger or bring physical harm.  
A child should be corrected in his/her early years.
5. Develops reverence: Hebrews 12:8-10  
Earthly parents should follow God’s pattern and purpose for discipline in their children’s lives. As God disciplines for our good so should parents for their children’s good -- so that we all may share in His holiness.

## HOW SHOULD IT BE PERFORMED?

1. Without anger: Ephesians 6:4  
The purpose of discipline is to help children grow as God desires them to...not to exasperate and provoke them to anger or discouragement (see Colossians 3:21 as well). Parents should be an example of Christ’s love and treat them as He would treat them which are vital for their understanding of what their Heavenly Father is like.
2. In love: Hebrews 12:5-7  
Who really loves a child more? The one who allows his children to do what they want or what would harm them or the one who corrects trains to help them learn what is right? Love should be the motivation for all correction and discipline.

## **OTHER REFERENCES FOR PARENTS:**

**1. Proverbs 13:24**

When discipline is withheld, it shows a parents genuine love and concern is questionable. Temporary discomfort will spare them from the long range disaster of an undisciplined life.

**2. Proverbs 29:15; 17**

In Hebrew, the rod of correction literally reads “the rod and correction”. a child not disciplined will become an unruly person.

**3. Psalm 127:3-5**

Do you see your children as a blessing from the Lord? In our society, we see children treated as liabilities instead of assets. God entrusts parents with these lives in order to train and disciple for the future. God values them highly and so should we.

**4. Psalm 128:3-5**

Again the Psalmist speaks of fruitfulness in our lives.