

Making Disciples or Just Raising Kids!

INTRODUCTION: You Must Discipline Your Child Or Be Disappointed In Him. Pr 10:1; 29:15

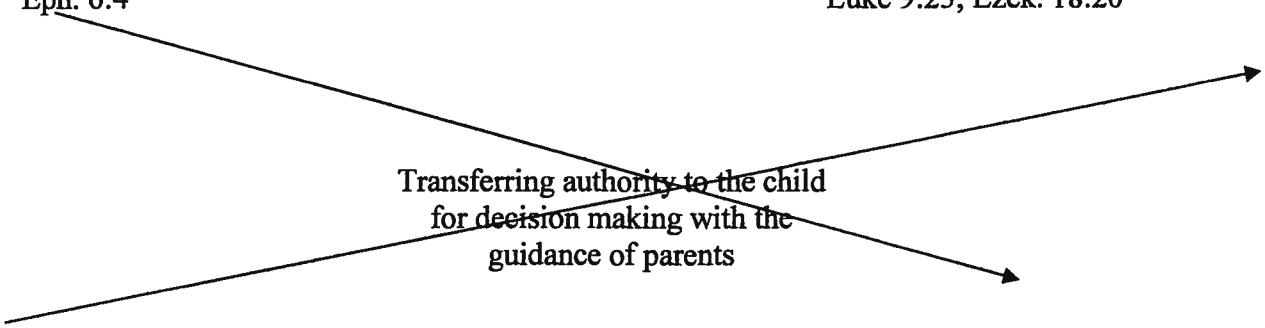
- 1. Lack Of Discipline Shows Hatred For The Child (Pr. 13:24)**
- 2. Instruction Is The Aim (Pr. 22:6; Eph. 6:4)**
 - A. The command (Pr. 22:6) train – catechize**
 - B. The method (Pr. 29:15) the rod and reproof (Eph. 6:4)**
 - 1. Establish a prior standard. Give one warning spelled out very clearly (Deut. 5)**
 - 2. Get on the child's eye level and use eye contact (Psalm 32:8-9)**
 - 3. Let the child know the consequences (Deut. 5 & 28)**
 - 4. Always follow through (Titus 1:2)**
 - 5. Always get the child alone (Numbers 20:12)**
 - 6. Send him to his room while you pray and regain your cool (1 Thess. 5:17; James 1:19,20)**
 - 7. Establish the child's responsibility (Mal. 1:6; Pr. 22:15)**
 - 8. Appeal to his conscience (Mark 10:17-22) Ask, "Was that honest? kind? loving? generous?" "What do you think Jesus would want you to do?"**
 - 9. Establish God as the final authority (Pr. 15:3; 2 Chron. 16:9)**
 - 10. Reflect grief (Eph. 5:30; Ezra 9:3)**
 - 11. Teach that God holds you responsible to discipline and if you don't discipline them then God will discipline you (Pr. 1:8, 9; Heb. 12:1-11; Eph. 6:4)**
 - 12. Associate correction with love. (Pr. 3:11,12; 20:30; Heb. 12:6; Psalms 119:67,71,75)**
 - 13. Associate lack of discipline with hatred (Pr. 13:24)**
 - 14. Discipline with a neutral object if possible (Pr. 27:5; 23:13, 14)**
 - 15. The parent who disciplines should comfort the child (Hosea 6:1)**
 - 16. Pray with them. Encourage them to ask God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9)**
 - 17. Ask them if they would like to ask your forgiveness? (Luke 17:1-10)**
 - 18. Evaluate (Eph. 6:4)**

CONCLUSION: Discipline Or Be Disappointed, The Choice Is Yours.

Has full direction, control & authority

Is responsible to direct & control their own actions under Christ
Luke 9:23; Ezek. 18:20

Eph. 6:4



Transferring authority to the child for decision making with the guidance of parents

CHILD

To honor & obey

PARENT

To act as a counselor and advisor. Eph. 6:1-3
Adult child is responsible for their own decisions before God. Prov. 23:22

SUSANNA WESLEY'S RULES FOR RAISING CHILDREN

1. Subdue self-will in a child and thus work together with God to save his soul.
2. Teach each one to pray as soon as he can speak.
3. Give them nothing that they cry for and only that which they ask for politely.
4. To prevent lying, punish no fault that is first confessed and repented of.
5. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
6. Never punish a child twice for the same offense.
7. Commend and reward good behavior. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed should be appreciated.
8. Preserve property rights even if in the smallest matters.
9. Strictly observe all promises.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with:

- Criticism, he learns to condemn.
- Hostility, he learns to fight.
- Ridicule, he learns to be shy.
- Jealousy, he learns to feel guilty and to covet.

But if a child lives with:

- Tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- Encouragement, he learns confidence.
- Praise, he learns to appreciate.
- Fairness, he learns justice.
- Security, he learns to trust and exhibit faith.
- Approval, Acceptance and Friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

DISCIPLINE OR DISAPPOINTMENT

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NASV Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),
3 THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Pr 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

NLT Eph 6:4 And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.

NIV Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.

Matt 18:5-7 "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

Pr 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.

Proverbs 13:24 "He who withholds his rod hates His son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently."

Pr 3:11-12 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD, Or loathe His reproof, 12 For whom the LORD loves He reproofs, Even as a father, the son in whom he delights.

Hebrews 12:7-9 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Pr 20:30 "Physical punishment cleanses away evil; such discipline purifies the heart" **Pr 22:15** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Introduction:

1. You Are Not To Provoke Your Children to Anger!

Col 3:21; Matt 18:5-7. If your desire is to avoid provoking your children to anger then you must:

- Demonstrate the love of Christ to your family.
- Set a consistent example.
- Admit your own mistakes. ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕
- Treat your children fairly.
- Teach them to make wise decisions.
- Discipline justly.
- Avoid inconsistency in your discipline.
- Always keep your promises.

2. You Must Bring Up Your Children In the Lord! Emphasis on Bring up! Pr. 19:18. ✕

- **Pr 23:22** Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.

3. You Must Bring Up Your Children in the Discipline of the Lord! Emphasis on Discipline!

- A child needs to know that you love them. Pr 13:24; Pr 3:11-12; Heb 12:7-9; Pr 13:20.
- A child needs active discipline (discipleship).
- Guidelines for active discipleship through discipline.
 - Discipleship training makes the guidelines clear.
 - Discipleship training involves letting the child know the consequences if the guidelines are broken. Lev 26
 - Discipleship training involves administering the discipline consistently.

4. You Must Bring Up Your Children in the Instruction of the Lord! Emphasis on Instruction!

- Noutheteo - the instructing, admonishing, counseling or reproof of one in need of instruction. The word means to confront someone with your words out of your concern and care for them.
- Noutheteo is the reproof of Pr 29:15
 - See below for suggestions