

Instafam
“Understanding Biblical Discipline”
Ephesians 6:4 & Hebrews 12:5-6
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• **DISCIPLINE IS GUIDANCE & CORRECTION DRIVEN BY LOVE.**

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 (NASB)

◆ **Ektrephō (ek-tre'-fō):** “bring up, nourish or nurture to maturity”

◆ **Paideia (pī-dā'-ä):** instruction aimed at increasing virtue; whole training/systematic plan for education of children; intentional cultivation of mind and morals; where we get our word — pedagogy

◆ **Nouthesia (nü-the-sē'-ä):** exhortation, admonition; verbal guidance; training with our words — literally “laying out the understanding” OR “putting into your mind”

⁵ “My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” Hebrews 12:5-6

◆ **Elegchō (e-le'n-khō):** to correct, refute, reprehend severely, to call to account, to punish

◆ **Mastigoō (mä-stē-go'-ō):** scourge; punish

“Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.” Proverbs 19:18

KEY PRINCIPLES ON CORRECTION

(Gary & Anne Marie Ezzo, Growing Kids God's Way; 1998, 5th edition)

a. Pain

b. Natural Consequences

c. Structured Consequences

- logical connection

- Isolation

- Punishment/Correction

RULES WITHOUT RELATIONSHIP WILL LEAD TO REBELLION.
- JOSH MCDOWELL

UNDISCIPLINED PARENTS

1. **LIFEGUARD Parents: often RESCUE a child from Consequences.**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7

2. **ETCH-A-SKETCH Parents: often INCONSISTENT.**

¹⁵ The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces his mother. ¹⁷ Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring delight to your soul. Proverbs 29:15, 17

3. **SPLIT-DECISION Parents: Often NON-UNIFIED.**

Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? Amos 3:3

PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

1. **We Expect FIRST-Time AND CHEERFUL Obedience.**

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” Colossians 3:20

“Do everything without complaining or arguing....” Philippians 2:14

**DISCIPLINE MORE FOR
ATTITUDE THAN ACTIONS.**

2. **We Agree to Never Discipline in ANGER.**

In your anger do not sin. Ephesians 4:26
(For verses on spanking, see Proverbs 3:12, 13:24, 22:15)

3. **We Will Discipline Promptly With INSTRUCTION and RECONCILIATION.**

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