



**Instafam**  
**“Understanding Biblical Discipline”**  
**Ephesians 6:4 & Hebrews 12:5-6**  
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### Practice It

As a parent, would you say you are more characterized as Life-Guard, Etch-a-Sketch, or Split-Decision parent? (*rescuing, being inconsistent, or being non-unified*)?

How can you improve?

### Picture It

1. As you read the following passages of scripture, what do they reveal as important to God?

Proverbs 4:23

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Matthew 22:37-40

Jeremiah 17:10

Matthew 6:19-21

2. What do the following selections of Scripture indicate as essential in helping us as parents keep what is important to God important to our children?

Ephesians 6:4

Hebrews 12:1-13

1 Timothy 4:7-8

3. Read Romans 8:18 and Hebrews 5:8-9. What might God allow us to experience in order that we might mature?

4. Read the ‘Word Study’ below then answer these questions:

a) How does this understanding change or alter your approach to discipline?

b) As you consider your Parent/Child relationship(s), what is more important behavior or character? Does your ‘disciplining’ reflect this?

### Word Study

In Hebrews 1:3 we are told that the Son is the “exact representation” of God’s essence and thus is the perfect revealer. The Greek word for “exact representation” is the word “Charakter” (khä-räk-tä'r) and refers to the impress made by the engraving tool. This is its only occurrence in the New Testament (although charagma – derivative of character – appears 8xs). The idea is that as the imprint of the die perfectly represents the original design, so in Christ there is the display for those who have eyes to see of God’s very essence. In a similar assertion, Paul, in Colossians 1:15, sets forth Christ as the “timeless image” (eikon) of God. Jesus Himself said “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father” (John 14:9).

In Romans 8:29, the Apostle Paul tells us that “those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son. . . .” The Greek word for likeness is “eikon” – the timeless image, the exact representation. Just as Jesus perfectly revealed God, we are now to perfectly reflect God because we are to be the image of Christ.

### Personalize It

1. What is God showing you about discipline?
2. Are you expecting first time, cheerful obedience?
3. Do you have an anger problem when disciplining?
4. Are you instructing and offering reconciliation?
5. What does God need to change in you for you to better ‘discipline’ your children?
6. What are some things you are doing, or can begin doing, which focuses your correction and discipline on heart issues and character development?