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# ***Caring – Focusing on Those That Matter the Most: When It's Time to Discipline***

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“Correction and discipline are good for children. If they have their own way, they will make their mothers ashamed of them.” **Proverbs 29:15, TEV**

“For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.” **Proverbs 3:12, NLT**

## **When We Discipline Our Goal Is to Modify Attitudes and Behavior, and Strengthen the Bond Between Parent and Child**

1. When Disciplining your Child Have Your Emotions Under Control

“The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” *Psalm 103:8, NLT*

“Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.” *Proverbs 16:32, NLT*

2. Live Worthy of Respect

Be What You Want Your Child to Become

“In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do

and praise your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:16, GNB**

### 3. Respect Your Children

The Motive of Discipline Is to Express Love

“Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.” **Proverbs 13:24, ESV**

“For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God’s discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness.” **Hebrews 12:10, NLT**

## Seven Steps for Christian Discipline

### 1. Clear Warning

Physical Means of Correction Are Only Appropriate  
in Cases of Clear Disobedience, And Then Only at  
Certain Ages

## 2. Establish Responsibility

Keep Your Focus on The Child's Behavior, Not His  
Identity

## 3. Avoid Embarrassment

## 4. Communicate Grief

## 5. Flick Your Wrist

The Purpose of a Spanking: Is to Sting, To Provide a  
Painful Deterrent to Misbehavior, Never to Injure

As Your Children Get Older and Begin to Think More Abstractly, Spanking Becomes Less Effective

6. Sincere Repentance

7. Unconditional love

The Principle of Scaffolding

As Your Child is Maturing...