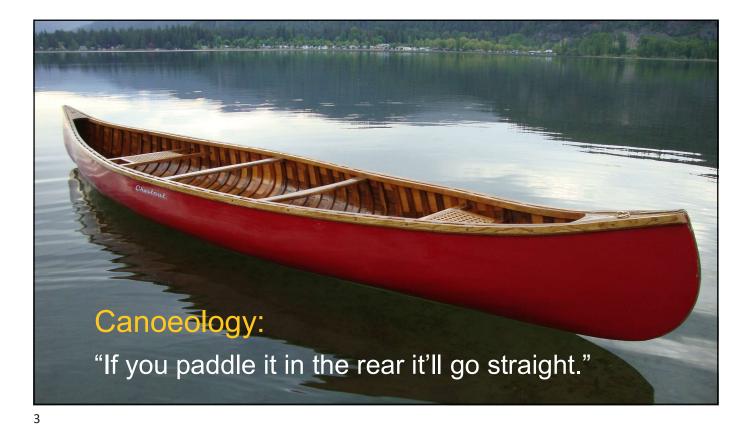


A Father's Discipline – the key to raising godly kids

Ps 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. ⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

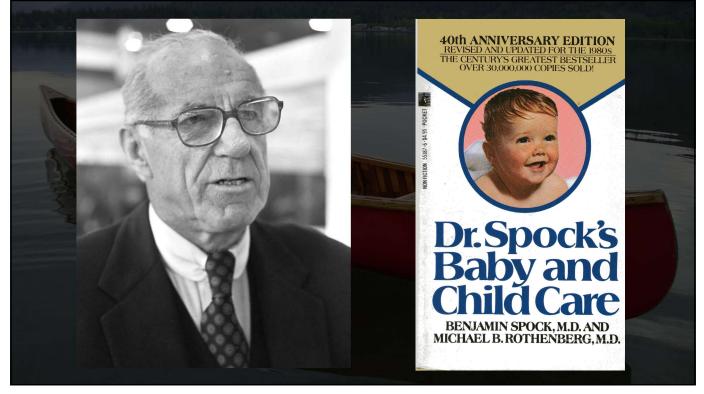
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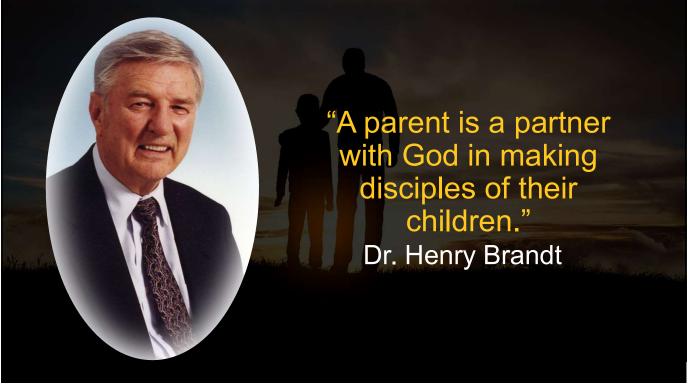
Minnesota Crime Commission:

"Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish and self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it, his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. Deny these and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness, which would be murderous, were he not so helpless. He is, in fact, dirty. He has no morals, no knowledge, no skills. This means that all children, not just certain children, are born delinquent. If permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy, given free reign to his impulsive actions, to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal, a thief, a killer, or a rapist." <text><text>



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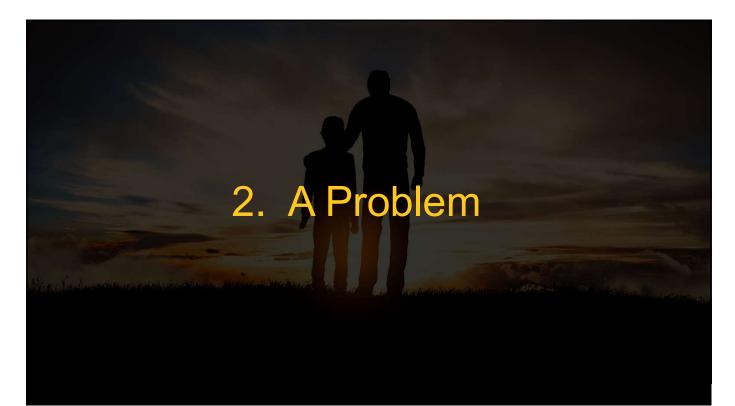




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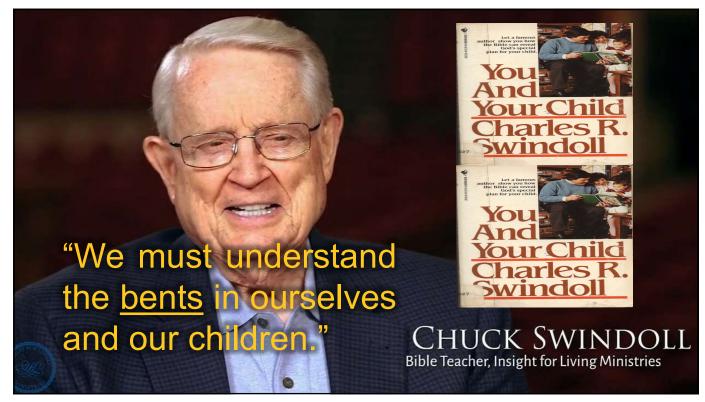
Jer 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind."





Eph 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture [training] and admonition [gentle reproof] of the Lord.

Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go,



Ex 20:5 For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, (34:5-8) Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, Iniquities = to bend, twist, contort

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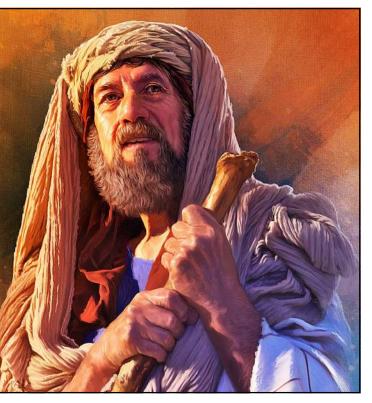




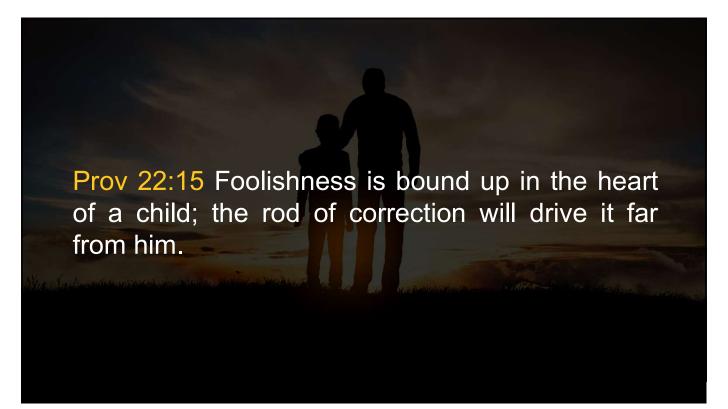


A chain of bents in Abraham's family:

- Gen 12:13, 20:2 Abraham says Sarah is his sister
- 26:7 Isaac says Rebekah is his sister
- 27:19 Jacob says he is Esau
- 37:31-32 Jacob's sons lie about their brother Joseph







Heb 12:3-13 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." ⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

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human 9 Furthermore, we have had fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

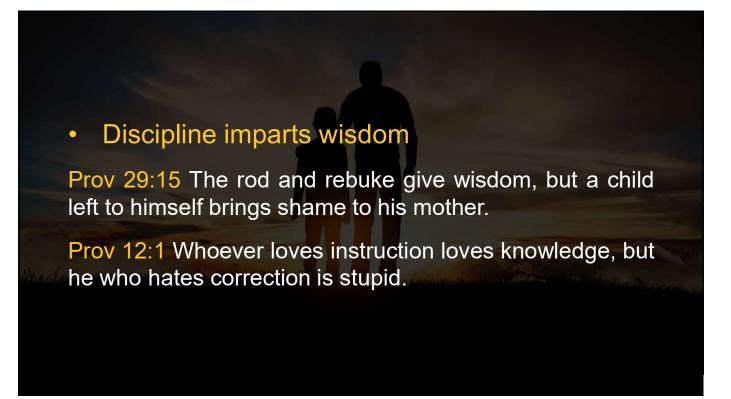
Discipline communicates love

Prov 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Prov 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights. (Heb 12:5-13)

Discipline will save a child's soul from hell

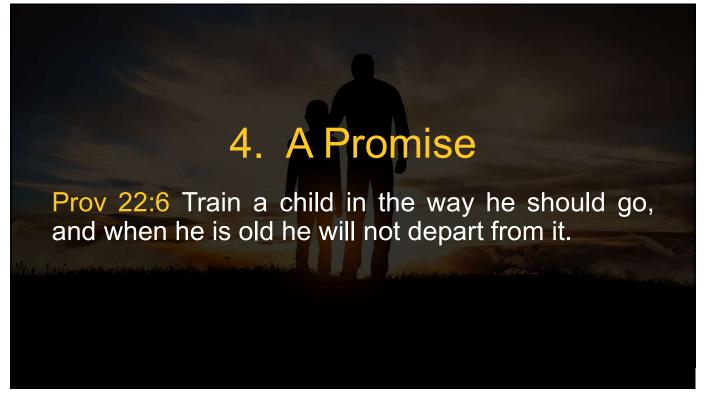
Prov 23:13-14 Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. ¹⁴ You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.



 Discipline causes children to give us peace & delight

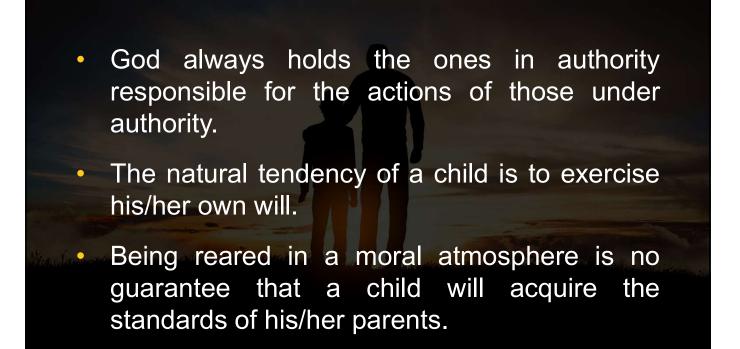
Prov 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul.

Prov 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored.



Chuck Swindoll, You and Your Child:

"The word old means 'hair on the chin.' I understand the literal Hebrew is 'bearded one.' Now a man doesn't start growing a beard when he is ninety. He begins to grow a beard when he is approaching maturity. The promise is that when your child reaches maturity, when he is ready to leave home, he will not depart from his training. It's not a promise concerning people ninety years old. It's a promise for those who having been trained correctly, are leaving the nest and entering into maturity."



J. Richard Fugate, What the Bible Says About Child Training:

"Parents who expect a child to follow their standards by the example they set, but do not train into them, will often be shocked when he/she acquires only their faults & rejects most of what is good in their lives." • A child learns obedience to parents as a preparation for his/her obedience to God.



"[F]or the Christian parent to sell their concept of God to their children, they must first sell themselves. If they are not worthy of respect, then neither is their religion, morals, values, government, or country."

Dr. Dobson, Dare To Discipline

The child stage (birth to 10 yrs.) is when most of the life values are established.

We must discipline while there is hope.

Prov 19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.

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"One should never underestimate a child's awareness that he/she is breaking the rules...when a parent loses the early confrontations with the child, the later conflicts become harder to win." Dr. James Dobson

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"When they turned a yr. old (and some before), they were taught to fear the rod & to cry softly, by which means they escaped abundance of correction which they might otherwise have had ... In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will ..."

Susannah Wesley, mother of John & Charles Wesley



Essentials in discipline:

- 1. A clear definition of obedience must be established.
- 2. Parental expectations must be clearly explained.
- 3. Consequences of disobedience must be clearly understood.
- 4. Disobedience must be swiftly disciplined.
- 5. The punishment must fit the crime.
- 6. Spankings should be mainly reserved for acts of defiance.
- 7. An outwardly angry parent should never administer discipline.
- 8. Parental consistency is essential.
- 9. The best opportunity to communicate is often after discipline.
- 10. Children desire loving discipline.

