

## Parenting 3—Deciding Discipline

### I. Introduction.

- A. What can you tell me about disciplining children?
- B. Name as many parenting/disciplining methods as you can?
- C. What discipline technique did your parents mostly use?
- D. How do you discipline your children (methods)—Why?
- E. What is the disciplining method God mentions most?

### II. Scripture.

- A. If a parent does not \_\_\_\_\_ their child, they in essence hate them, but if they do it soon, they love them.
  1. **Pro. 13:24**—"*He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes [early/soon].*"
  2. **Prov. 3:11-12**—"*My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of His correction: For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*"
- B. If your child cries, then you do not need to spank them, as that means they are already repentant (True or False) \_\_\_\_\_?
  1. **Pro. 19:18**—"*Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*"
  2. **Pro. 10:13**—"*...a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.*"
- C. Spanking drives out \_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on parents.
  1. **Pro. 22:15**—"*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*"
  2. **Pro. 29:15, 17-18**—"*15-The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. 17-Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. 18-Where there is no vision, the people perish...*"

- D. Verbally train and explain the right way or path during discipline, so your child will understand and follow the right way when they are \_\_\_\_\_.
1. **Pro. 22:6**—"*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*"
- E. Do not take the easy way and not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
1. **Psa. 23:4**—"*...Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.*"
  2. **Pro. 23:13-14**; cf. **Heb. 12:5-11**; **Deu. 19:13**—"*13-Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14-Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*"

### III. Application.

- A. Do you believe the Bible endorses lovingly spanking children when they are young—why/why not?
- B. With what should you spank? Why?
- C. What part of their body should you spank? Why?
- D. What age should you start spanking?
- E. What should you do before you think a child is of the age to begin spanking?
- F. Is redirection a good technique when they get older?
- G. When should you stop spanking?
- H. Children are smart and know when to test your parenting. How do you handle spanking in public these days with all the crazy laws, agencies, or others that may interfere?