Lives Under Construction

Eph. 6:4b

"... bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

structured teaching with correction for the purpose of developing maturity The ultimate goal in parenting is to point our children to Jesus, lead them to trust in Him for salvation, and then pursue a path of spiritual growth that continues throughout their lives.

1. Discipling your children is primarily a matter of construction.

A. Be constructive in your goals.

B. Be constructive in your evaluation and affirmation.

C. Be constructive in your language.

Proverbs 3:11-12 "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

Proverbs 5:22-23

"His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. 23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray."

Proverbs 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Proverbs 15:5 "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."

Proverbs 19:18 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Proverbs 22:15 "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Proverbs 23:13-14 "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."

Proverbs 29:17 "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Loving parents must sometimes chasten their children.

Proverbs 18:13 "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

(1) What did you do? (2) Was that the right thing to do? (3) What should you have done? (4) What will you do the next time? (5) What do you think I should do now?

Proverbs 16:6 "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil."

Patience

Prayer

Perseverence

1. Discipling your children is primarily a matter of construction.

2. Discipling children involves correction.

3. Discipling your children requires consistency.

4. Discipling children is a continuous, ongoing process.