



# RAISING GODLY CHILDREN

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PROPER DISCIPLINE

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## GODLY DISCIPLINE REQUIRES...

- Use of God's word to lay down boundaries by instruction, rebuke, chastisement – Prov. 29:17
- Consistently making your child face the consequences of his/her actions.
  - Using punishment
  - Avoiding empty threats
  - Spanking – Prov. 13:24; 29:15
  - Beginning early – Prov. 19:18; 22:15
  - Not being swayed by the world – Prov. 29:17; 23:13-14; Heb. 12:6, 9-11

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UNITY

- A child must not be allowed to play one parent against the other
  - Children will try this to get their way
  - It causes lasting damage – Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:9-10
- Situation must be addressed in unified fashion
  - Showing respect for the other parent
  - Rebuke
  - Unified decision when you learn of differing answers (with the husband having the final say – Eph. 5:22-23)
- Stand together for the good of your child!

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TENACITY

- We cannot stop disciplining our children because they reach a certain age
  - As children grow older parents are limited but not powerless in discipline
  - To claim no disciplinary responsibilities because a child is 18 is wrong
- Failing in this area makes parents *enablers* of their children to live sinful lives – 1 Sam. 3:13; 1 Cor. 5:1-2, 5