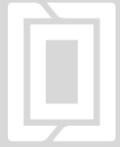


PARENTING THROUGH PROVERBS (pt 3)

Selected Proverbs



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1) What was your experience of discipline and correction growing up?

2) How did or does that influence your parenting or grandparenting?

Read Proverbs 3:11-12

3) According to Solomon, what is the sure sign you are loved by your parents?

4) Look over the chart of the two types of discipline described in Proverbs. What do you have questions about?

CONSEQUENCES THAT WE AS PARENTS GET TO DETERMINE	CONSEQUENCES THAT NATURALLY HAPPEN IF NO ONE INTERFERES
<p>Why do we as parents discipline? Our children are like blind people, searching for a wall they can't see. They are going to push forward and test to see where the actual boundaries lie.</p>	<p>All 66 Books of the Bible are filled with stories and illustrations of this idea of sowing and reaping. Probably more than any other Book in Scripture, Proverbs lays out this biblical idea of sowing and reaping. If you do this, 9 out of 10 times this will happen.</p>
<p>Proverbs 6:23: For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life.</p> <p>Proverbs 15:31-32: He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.</p>	<p>Proverbs 22:8: The one who sows iniquity will reap trouble</p> <p>Proverbs 10:5: The one who gathers crops in the summer is a wise son, but the one who sleeps during the harvest is a son who brings shame to himself.</p> <p>Proverbs 11:19: True righteousness leads to life, but the one who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.</p>

In discipline, the punishment needs to fit the crime and there need to be things that deserve greater consequences.

Ultimately, the goal is to bring sin to the light so that Jesus can heal, forgive and restore.

As parents, we are always picking our pain. Do we go through the pain now or are we going through the pain later?

Ultimately we are training our kids how to interact in healthy and meaningful ways with people, society and their God.

When you hear the phrase - you reap what you sow - it is usually expressed in a self-righteous, punitive, "you get what you deserve" type of attitude. This is not the case with God and it should not be the case with parents.

Our precious children that we so love need to know that God has designed this world in such a way for our protection and that there are consequences to our decisions.

As the writer of Hebrews says: His desire is to produce in us a fruit of peace and righteousness. Allowing our children to feel the consequences of life is one of the most loving things we can do and by far one of the most emotionally difficult things we can do.

5) When do we interfere and when do we allow our children to face the consequences of their decisions? Is the fear, pain, and challenge we are sheltering them from going to adversely affect them?

6) How can we pray for you in all of this?