

*Growing  
in  
Grace*

*Lesson Seven*

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D. Tips for disciplining children:

1. Don't compare children with other children.
2. Don't ridicule them or make fun of their weaknesses or handicaps.
3. Don't use bribes to get them to do something or to stop doing something.
4. Don't withdraw love and affection from children.
5. Don't be afraid to say "no".
6. Don't discipline for wrong reasons (in anger, out of embarrassment, while frustrated, without a good reason, to get even, etc.).
7. Be sure children learn that obedience is expected of them.
8. Allow your children to PROPERLY express their viewpoint (without rebellion or sassiness); always keep communication open.
9. Admit mistakes when you make them.
10. Recognize that children do not become perfect with one spanking; discipline is a long-range process, and there are no perfect children.
11. Give praise whenever possible. Do not always criticize.
12. Remember all promises you make to your children; let your yes be yes, and your no be no.
13. Give them nothing they cry for and only that which they ask for politely.
14. NEVER compromise with issues in the Bible!!
15. Pray every day WITH your children and FOR your children!!!

E. Teenagers and discipline. Parents will handle a teenager differently than a small child. Here are some general principles by which parents can discipline and understand their teens.

1. Do not expect them to be what you are not.
2. Have rules that have a genuine purpose and enforce them consistently and fairly.
3. Expect and demand that they conform to the rules. The simpler the rules, the better.
4. Learn to say, "I'm sorry, please forgive me" to your teen. Admit when you are wrong.
5. Provide spiritual example that your teen can follow. "Be a leader, not a pusher".
6. Allow your teen to respectfully express an opinion in family discussions.
7. NEVER compromise an issue of Scripture in order to please your teen.
8. Forgive and Forget past wrongs in your teen's life.
9. Show interest and spend quality time with them.
10. Express appreciation for positive actions and accomplishments.

Review from Lesson Six. (Know the answers to these questions before doing Lesson Seven.)

1. What should be the Christians's attitude in facing trials?
2. What is the purpose of God's trials for the believer?
3. Who are the Christian's spiritual enemies?
4. What are the ways to victory over sin?
- I. The Origin of the Home: Marriage and the home established by it, are not man's idea or invention. God created man, and saw that it was not good for him to be alone (Genesis 2:18). God then created woman to provide that needed companionship and friendship to man. Marriage was intended by God to be permanent, until death. (Romans 7:2,3)
  - A. Did Adam find a companion for himself while naming the animals in Genesis 2:20? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. What did God make for man in Genesis 2:18? \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. A man is to leave his parents and \_\_\_\_\_ unto his \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:24)
  - D. Definition of marriage: Two people joined together by a covenant before God and witnesses who will share and live their lives together.
  - E. Who was the woman created for? \_\_\_\_\_ (I Corinthians 11:9)
  - F. Reasons God established the home:
    1. Provide man with a companion. (Genesis 2:18)
    2. Provide man with a "help meet (fit) for him." (Genesis 2:18)
    3. Provide man with children. (Genesis 4:1)

II. The Role of the Husband.

A. Leader of the Home and Family.

1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wife. (Ephesians 5:23)
2. He is to \_\_\_\_\_ for his own. (I Timothy 5:8)
3. He is in charge to \_\_\_\_\_ up his child in the way he should go. (Proverbs 22:6)

B. Husband to His Wife.

1. The husband is commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ his wife. (Ephesians 5:25)
  - a. Ten ingredients of love (I Corinthians 13:4-7):
 

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| 1) Patience    | 6) Unselfishness |
| 2) Kindness    | 7) Good tempered |
| 3) Contentment | 8) Honesty       |
| 4) Humility    | 9) Sincerity     |
| 5) Courtesy    | 10) Forbearance  |
  - b. What two characteristics make up this love? (Ephesians 5:29)
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The husband is to dwell with his wife "according to \_\_\_\_\_" (with intelligence), giving \_\_\_\_\_ unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel and as being heirs \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of life; (I Peter 3:7)

a. Communication in a Spiritual Nature:

- 1) The exchange of thoughts, information, feelings, encouragement and goals.
- 2) Never make your mate the object of remarks that cut down, belittle, or ridicule
- 3) Establish a free and open atmosphere - share openly.
- 4) NEVER bring up the past - when as issue is solved, forget it!
- 5) Learn to say "Please forgive me".

3. The husband is commanded not to be \_\_\_\_\_ against his wife.  
(Colosians 3:19)

### III. The Role of the Wife.

#### A. Wife to her husband.

1. Wives are to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves their OWN \_\_\_\_\_ as unto the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 5:22)
2. Wives are to be in \_\_\_\_\_ to their OWN husbands. (I Peter 3:1)
  - a. Thoughts on submission:
    - 1) The limitation is "in the Lord". (Colosians 3:18) -- nothing that is sin should be submitted to.
    - 2) A woman is equal in importance, and worth, but is different in her role.
    - 3) This teaching is founded upon creation and confirmed in the curse. (Genesis 3:16-19)
    - 4) The woman was created for the man. (I Corinthians 11:8,9)
    - 5) These roles are assigned by God and are basic to a happy marriage.
    - 6) The woman's continual self-denial of her own will is her greatest trial.
    - 7) Loving, considerate leadership by the husband removes much of the burden of submission.

#### 3. What were the three results of Eve's fall into sin? (Genesis 3:16)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. In Relation to Her Home.

1. Women are to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to their OWN husbands, (Why?) that the \_\_\_\_\_ be not \_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 2:5)
2. What two rewards are there for being a good wife and mother? (Proverbs 31:28)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Advice for a happy home:
  - a. Treat each other with affection, love and kindness.
  - b. Be content with what you have.
  - c. Be careful about over-dependence on in-laws.
  - d. Let home be a place of rest, security and happiness.
  - e. Be concerned about your personal appearance.
  - f. Remember, there are many adjustments needed in a healthy relationship.
  - g. Be courteous in word and deed.
  - h. Plan family recreation together and have a family devotional time

### IV. The Home of the Unmarried.

- A. The Bible says the unmarried (single) person should be characterized as caring for the things that \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_, how he may \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. (I Corinthians 7:32)
- B. The single person should strive to make the local church his family, where he actively endeavors to consider his brothers and sisters in the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ them unto \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 10:24)

### V. Training Children.

#### A. Establishing the proper relationship with God.

1. A child can know the \_\_\_\_\_ at a young age. (II Timothy 3:15)
2. Fathers are not to \_\_\_\_\_ their children but bring them up in

the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
(Ephesians 6:4)

3. Why shouldn't a father provoke his children? \_\_\_\_\_ (Colosians 3:21)

4. What four areas should a child mature and develop in? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:52)

5. One should teach the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ unto their children (Deuteronomy 6:7)

#### B. The child's role and responsibility.

1. Children are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ their parents. (Ephesians 6:1)
2. Children are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in all things. (Colosians 3:20)
3. Parents are God's representatives to their children. The fifth commandment (Exodus 20:12) commands children to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The home is the training ground for the children, and there must be a consistent spiritual atmosphere !!

### VI. Disciplining Children.

#### A. There must be enforcement of rules.

1. Our example is the Lord. "Whom the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrews 12:6)
2. Chastening is not joyous at the time, but yieldeth \_\_\_\_\_ afterward (Hebrews 12:11)
3. God chastens us as His sons to be partakers of His holiness. (Hebrews 12:10)
4. Pattern in discipline:
  - a. Establish the rules.
  - b. Explain the violation.
  - c. Give instruction on correct behavior.
  - d. Chasten (discipline).
  - e. Reassure of your love.

#### 5. Dangers in discipline.

- a. Absence of discipline = spoiled child.
- b. Unfair discipline = rebellious child.
- c. Inconsistent discipline = frustrated child.
- d. Over disciplined = hateful child.
- e. Abusive discipline = physically harmed child.

#### B. How does a parent discipline effectively and fairly?

1. He that loveth his children chastens them \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 13:24) This means early, before their character is formed.
2. "Chasten thy son while there is \_\_\_\_\_." (Proverbs 19:18)
3. Should a parent withhold discipline if the child starts to cry? \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 19:18)
4. There is a certain method God gives parents to use in discipline. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou \_\_\_\_\_ him with the \_\_\_\_\_ (a switch), he shall not die. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ him with the \_\_\_\_\_ (switch), and shalt deliver his soul from hell." (Proverbs 23:13,14)

#### C. Reasons a parent should discipline a child.

1. Discipline will deliver his soul from \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 23:14)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is bound in the heart of the child, but the \_\_\_\_\_ will drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15)
3. "The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to \_\_\_\_\_." (Proverbs 29:15)
4. "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee \_\_\_\_\_ yea, he shall give \_\_\_\_\_ unto thy soul." (Proverbs 29:17)
5. "He that spareth his rod \_\_\_\_\_ his son: but he that \_\_\_\_\_ him chasteneth him betimes (early)." (Proverbs 13:24)