

# Disobedience

"Children, obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord." -Ephesians 3:20

## Defiance

"Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence." -Proverbs 15:32



## Distraction

"Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight." -Proverbs 4:1

### CIRCLE OF OBEDIENCE: Are you in or out?



Self-Control Kind  
 Proverbs 25:28 1 Cor. 13:4  
 Joyful Truthful "Yes Mom/Dad"  
 Proverbs 17:22 Proverbs 12:19 Colossians 3:20  
 Thankfulness Patient Peacemaker  
 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Ecclesiastes 7:8 Matthew 5:9  
 Do all things without complaining or arguing  
 Philippians 2:14  
 Honesty Gentleness Forgiving  
 Proverbs 12:22 Proverbs 15:4 Matthew 6:14  
 Listening First-Time Obedience  
 Proverbs 13:13 Ephesians 6:1-2  
 Do chores without being asked  
 Colossians 3:17  
 Obey all authority  
 Romans 13:1



## Dishonesty

"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are His delight." -Proverbs 12:22

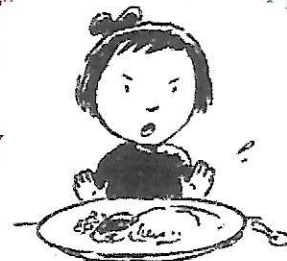


## Disrespect

"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." -Ephesians 6:2

## Discontent

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." -1 John 2:15



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PROVERBS 4:1

**SELF-CONTROL**  
PROVERBS 25:28

**JOYFUL • TRUTHFUL • KIND**  
PROVERBS 17:22    PROVERBS 12:19    1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

**THANKFULNESS • PEACEMAKER**  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18    MATTHEW 5:9

**HONESTY • GENTLENESS • FORGIVING**  
PROVERBS 12:22    PROVERBS 15:4    MATTHEW 6:14

**LISTENING • FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE**  
PROVERBS 13:13    EPHESIANS 6:1-2

**DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT COMPLAINING OR ARGUING**  
PHILIPPIANS 2:14

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ECCLESIASTES 7:8    ROMANS 13:1

**DO CHORES WITHOUT BEING ASKED**  
COLOSSIANS 3:17

**"YES MOM" - "YES DAD"**  
COLOSSIANS 3:20

**D**ISHONESTY  
PROVERBS 12:22

**D**ISRESPECT  
EPHESIANS 6:2

**D**ISCONTENT  
1 JOHN 2:15

# Ten Commandments of Parenting

## John MacArthur

### 1. Pursue Righteousness in Your Marriage

Husbands, you need to show your children how a husband loves his wife, even as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). Do they see you giving yourself up for her? Are they observing how you tenderly and patiently lead her, teach her, and protect her? Your example in the treatment of your wife will teach volumes about Christ's love for His beloved bride, the church.

Wives, to your children you need to model biblical submission as you subject yourself to your husband in everything (Ephesians 5:24). Do your children see how you work out your submission to Christ in respectful submission to your husband? Your marriage is a living, breathing example of the church's willing submission to her Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### 2. Confess Your Sins to One Another

You need to confess, when appropriate, your sins to your family (Proverbs 28:13), and seek their forgiveness when necessary (Matthew 6:14-15; Colossians 3:13). As you are quick to confess, you are demonstrating true humility and an ultimate desire to be pleasing to God in all your ways (2 Corinthians 5:9).

### 3. Pursue Sexual Purity

Be very careful to protect your home from the sexual immorality of the world we live in. That means you need to abstain from sexual immorality yourself (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8), and otherwise promote sexual purity in your home (Proverbs 5-7). The pursuit of sexual purity should govern your entertainment choices, season your speech, and guide you when you're in public or private, especially when you think no one else is looking or listening. Your own sexual purity will protect you and your children from the heartbreak known well among a depraved generation (Proverbs 5:7-14).

### 4. Manage Your Resources Wisely

Take great pains to manage the Lord's money and resources with which you are entrusted, and do so with the utmost integrity (1 Timothy 6:5-10). Continually think of ways to be a better steward of all your time, talent, and treasure (Proverbs 31:10-31), always looking to God for His provision for all your basic life needs (Matthew 6:31-34; 1 Timothy 5:8).

### 5. Evangelize Your Children and Others

Because of your great love for your children, endeavor to be a consistent witness to them of your own faith, as well as speaking often to them about the nature of their relationship to the Lord. Live in such a way around your kids that you are fulfilling the spirit of Paul's command to Timothy: "Do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). In addition, as you have opportunity, proclaim the gospel to others with whom you come in contact, thus hopefully instilling in your children the same desire to share this eternal message (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

## **6. Teach Your Children the Word of God**

Regularly teach your children God's Word, both by your life (desiring to be models of Christ-likeness to them; 1 John 2:6) and by your proactive and consistent commitment to family worship. Especially as fathers (as well as single mothers too), you have the responsibility to impart the truth of Scripture to your children for their great good (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

## **7. Discipline Your Children**

When your children need correction (which, when they are young, may seem to be "ever and always"), discipline them with what the Bible calls the "rod of reproof." Those parents who truly love their children will desire to do this in a caring, consistent, yet firm manner, attempting to avoid harshness and anger. Scripture says that when you do so, children will cease their foolishness and become wise (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14).

## **8. Watch Your Words Carefully**

Words are very powerful tools for good or evil! They can either build up or tear down. Speak to your spouse, your children, and others with godly wisdom so that you may edify and encourage (Proverbs 4:24; 6:12; 10:32; 19:1). Your children are watching you intently, and what you say (including *how* you say it), will have deep and lasting effects on them. Train your children not to speak unrighteously (Ephesians 4:29-31).

## **9. Show Your Children Your Own Love for God and Man**

Love your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). The greatest gift you can give your kids is to show them your all-consuming love for Jesus Christ! What should flow from this passion is also your love for your neighbors, which certainly includes your immediate family. Extending beyond this circle of influence is your desire to live a pure and undefiled spiritual life, which is demonstrated by visiting orphans and widows in their distress, and keeping yourself unstained by the world (James 1:27). Pray that your example of love will have great impact on your children.

## **10. Ask God for Grace and Strength in Your Child-Rearing**

The Bible commands you to rear your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Thus, child-rearing is not an option. Thus, the remaining question should be: *How well are you doing as a parent?* To whatever degree you perceive you are succeeding or failing in the task, and regardless of what will be the initial outcome and ultimate destiny of your children, ask God for much grace and strength to be a parent who glorifies Him.

If you'll follow these "ten commandments" of parenting, the Lord will sanctify you and bless you. Furthermore, your life and doctrine can be useful to the Holy Spirit in demonstrating the saving power of the gospel to your children. The rest we must leave in the hands of a sovereign God.

# “Put Off . . . Put On”

*“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.” Ephesians 4:22*

*“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” Romans 13:14*

<i>“Put Off”</i>	<i>Scriptural Insight</i>	<i>“Put On”</i>
1. Lack of love . . . . .	I John 4:7,8,20	• John 15:12 . . . . . Love
2. Judging . . . . .	Matthew 7:1,2	• John 8:9;15:22 . . . . . Let God search my heart
3. Bitterness . . . . .	Hebrews 12:15	• Ephesians 4:32 . . . . . Tenderhearted and forgiving
4. Unforgiving spirit . . . . .	Mark 11:26	• Colossians 3:13 . . . . . Forgiving spirit
5. Selfishness . . . . .	Philippians 2:21	• John 12:24 . . . . . Self denial
6. Pride . . . . .	Proverbs 16:5	• James 4:6 . . . . . Humility
7. Boasting (conceit) . . . . .	I Corinthians 4:7	• Philippians 2:3 . . . . . Esteeming others
8. Stubbornness . . . . .	I Samuel 15:23	• Romans 6:13 . . . . . Brokenness
9. Disrespect for authority . . . . .	Acts 23:5	• Hebrews 13:17 . . . . . Honor authority
10. Rebellion . . . . .	I Samuel 15:23	• Hebrews 13:17 . . . . . Submission
11. Disobedience . . . . .	I Samuel 12:15	• Deuteronomy 11:27 . . . . . Obedience
12. Impatience . . . . .	James 1:2-4	• Hebrews 10:36 . . . . . Patience
13. Ungratefulness . . . . .	Romans 1:21	• Ephesians 5:20 . . . . . Gratefulness
14. Covetousness . . . . .	Luke 12:15	• Hebrews 13:5 . . . . . Contentment
15. Discontent . . . . .	Hebrews 13:5	• I Timothy 6:8 . . . . . Contentment
16. Murmuring/complaining . . . . .	Philippians 2:14	• Hebrews 13:15 . . . . . Praise
17. Irritation to others . . . . .	Galatians 5:26	• Philippians 2:3,4 . . . . . Preferring in love
18. Jealousy . . . . .	Galatians 5:26	• I Corinthians 13:4 . . . . . Trust
19. Strife/contention . . . . .	Proverbs 13:10	• James 3:17 . . . . . Peace
20. Retaliation (getting even) . . . . .	Proverbs 24:29	• Romans 12:19,20 . . . . . Return good for evil
21. Losing temper . . . . .	Proverbs 25:28	• Proverbs 16:32 . . . . . Self-control
22. Anger . . . . .	Proverbs 29:22	• Galatians 5:22,23 . . . . . Self-control
23. Wrath . . . . .	James 1:19,20	• Proverbs 15:1 . . . . . Soft answer
24. Easily irritated . . . . .	I Corinthians 13:5	• Proverbs 19:11 . . . . . Not easily provoked
25. Hatred . . . . .	Matthew 5:21,22	• I Corinthians 13:3 . . . . . Love
26. Murder . . . . .	Exodus 20:13	• Romans 13:10 . . . . . Love
27. Gossip . . . . .	I Timothy 5:13	• Ephesians 4:29 . . . . . Edifying speech
28. Evil speaking . . . . .	James 4:11	• Proverbs 15:30 . . . . . Good report
29. Critical spirit . . . . .	Galatians 5:15	• Colossians 3:12 . . . . . Kindness
30. Lying . . . . .	Ephesians 4:25	• Zechariah 8:16 . . . . . Speak truth
31. Profanity . . . . .	Proverbs 4:24	• Proverbs 15:4 . . . . . Pure speech
32. Idle words . . . . .	Matthew 12:36	• Proverbs 21:23 . . . . . Bridle tongue
33. Wrong motives . . . . .	I Samuel 16:7	• I Corinthians 10:31 . . . . . Spiritual motives
34. Evil thoughts . . . . .	Matthew 15:19,20	• Philippians 4:8 . . . . . Pure thoughts
35. Complacency . . . . .	Revelation 3:15	• Revelation 3:19 . . . . . Zeal
36. Laziness . . . . .	Proverbs 20:4	• Proverbs 6:6-11 . . . . . Diligence
37. Slothfulness (not doing best) . . . . .	Proverbs 18:9	• Colossians 3:23 . . . . . Wholeheartedness

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| <p>38. Hypocrisy ..... Job 8:13</p> <p>39. Idolatry ..... Deuteronomy 11:16</p> <p>40. Left first love ..... Revelation 2:4</p> <p>41. Lack of rejoicing always .. Philippians 4:4</p> <p>42. Worry/fear ..... Matthew 6:25-32</p> <p>43. Unbelief ..... Hebrews 3:12</p> <p>44. Unfaithfulness ..... Proverbs 25:19</p> <p>45. Neglect of Bible study . II Timothy 3:14-17</p> <p>46. Prayerlessness ..... Luke 18:1</p> <p>47. No burden for the lost .. Matthew 9:36-38</p> <p>48. Burying talents ..... Luke 12:48</p> <p>49. Irresponsibility (family/work) . Luke 16:12</p> <p>50. Procrastination ..... Proverbs 10:5</p> <p>51. Irreverence in church ... Ecclesiastes 5:1</p> <p>52. Inhospitable ..... I Peter 4:9</p> <p>53. Cheating ..... II Corinthians 4:2</p> <p>54. Stealing ..... Proverbs 29:24</p> <p>55. Lack of moderation ..... Proverbs 11:1</p> <p>56. Gluttony ..... Proverbs 23:21</p> <p>57. Wrong friends ..... Psalm 1:1</p> <p>58. Temporal values ..... Matthew 6:19-21</p> <p>59. Love of money/greed ... I Timothy 6:9,10</p> <p>60. Stinginess ..... I John 3:17</p> <p>61. Moral impurity ..... I Thessalonians 4:7</p> <p>62. Fornication ..... I Corinthians 6:18</p> <p>63. Lust ..... I Peter 2:11</p> <p>64. Adultery ..... Matthew 5:27,28</p> <p>65. Homosexuality ..... Leviticus 18:22</p> <p>66. Incest ..... Leviticus 18:6</p> <p>67. Pornography ..... Psalm 101:3</p> <p>68. Immodest dress ..... Proverbs 7:10</p> <p>69. Flirtation ..... Proverbs 7:21</p> <p>70. Worldly entertainment ... Proverbs 21:17</p> <p>71. Fleshly music ..... Ephesians 4:29,30</p> <p>72. Bodily harm ..... I Corinthians 3:16,17</p> <p>73. Alcoholism ..... Proverbs 20:1</p> <p>74. Following the crowd ..... Proverbs 1:10</p> <p>75. Witchcraft/astrology/<br/>horoscopes ..... Deuteronomy 18:10,11</p> <p>76. Gambling ..... Proverbs 28:20,22</p> <p>77. Preferential treatment ..... James 2:1-9</p> <p>78. Presumption on the future . Proverbs 27:1</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I Thessalonians 2:3 ..... Sincerity</li> <li>• Colossians 1:18 ..... Worship God only</li> <li>• Revelation 2:5 ..... Fervent devotion</li> <li>• I Thessalonians 5:18 ..... Rejoice</li> <li>• I Peter 5:7 ..... Trust</li> <li>• Hebrews 11:1,6 ..... Faith</li> <li>• Luke 16:10-12 ..... Faithfulness</li> <li>• Psalm 1:2 ..... Bible study/meditation</li> <li>• Matthew 26:41 ..... Praying</li> <li>• Acts 1:8 ..... Compassion/witnessing</li> <li>• I Corinthians 4:2 ..... Developing abilities</li> <li>• Luke 16:10 ..... Responsibility</li> <li>• Proverbs 27:1 ..... Diligence</li> <li>• Psalm 89:7 ..... Reverence</li> <li>• Romans 12:13 ..... Hospitable</li> <li>• II Corinthians 8:21 ..... Honesty</li> <li>• Ephesians 4:28 ..... Working/giving</li> <li>• I Corinthians 9:25 ..... Temperance</li> <li>• I Corinthians 9:27 ..... Discipline</li> <li>• Proverbs 13:20 ..... Godly friends</li> <li>• II Corinthians 4:18 ..... Eternal values</li> <li>• Matthew 6:33 ..... Love God</li> <li>• Proverbs 11:24,25 ..... Generosity</li> <li>• I Thessalonians 4:4 ..... Moral purity</li> <li>• I Thessalonians 4:3 ..... Abstinence</li> <li>• Titus 2:12 ..... Pure desires</li> <li>• Proverbs 5:14-19 ..... Marital fidelity</li> <li>• I Thessalonians 4:4,5 ..... Moral purity</li> <li>• I Corinthians 7:2,5 ..... Moral purity</li> <li>• Philippians 4:8 ..... Pure thoughts</li> <li>• I Timothy 2:9 ..... Modesty</li> <li>• I Peter 3:4 ..... Gentle, quiet spirit</li> <li>• Galatians 5:16 ..... Spiritual pursuits</li> <li>• Ephesians 5:19 ..... Edifying music</li> <li>• I Corinthians 6:19,20 . Glorify God in body</li> <li>• Proverbs 23:30 ..... Abstinence</li> <li>• Proverbs 3:7 ..... God-fearing</li> <li>• Deuteronomy 6:5 ..... Worship of God</li> <li>• Luke 16:11 ..... Good stewardship</li> <li>• Luke 6:31 ..... Love neighbor as self</li> <li>• James 4:14-16 ..... Trust God’s will</li> </ul> |
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*“But there is forgiveness with Thee . . . .” Psalm 130:4*

## Verses on the Rod and Discipline

*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear".*

*Ephesians 5:29*

*"For man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."*

*James 1:19, 20*

Proverbs 10:13

On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.

Proverbs 13:24

He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 14:3

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, but the lips of the wise will protect them.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13

Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 23:14

You shall strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol.

Proverbs 26:3

A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

Proverbs 29:15

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death.

Proverbs 19:27

Cease listening, my son, to discipline, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Job 5:17

"Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

1 Corinthians 11:32

But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:5-8

“My child, don’t make light of the LORD’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.” As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Whoever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? If God doesn’t discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

Hebrews 12:6

FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Hebrews 12:7

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:8

But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:10

For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

Hebrews 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.



## THE DISCIPLINE/ROD PROCESS

### Rob Flood

Not everyone has to follow this to a T...nor is it a formula. You may use many of the points below, and you may change them from time to time...

**1. We find a private place.** When my children sin or disobey, it is necessary for me to bring about discipline. The best way to do this is in private. This allows them to maintain dignity and prevents them from feeling humiliated in front of others. (The only time we go against this principle is when the children are very young. With a child younger than 2½ to 3 years old, we often will bring the discipline as close to the action as possible.) To do this, we ask our children to go to a secluded place, most likely their bedroom.

**2. We confirm the reason for the discipline.** Once upstairs, I ask them if they know why they are being disciplined. This is important—if a child receives discipline but is not sure why, the entire purpose is lost. If they are unaware of why, then I help them understand, but usually, even with the little ones, they already know exactly what happened.

**3. We apply the rod.** In order to keep this portion of discipline within biblical guidelines, we must consider a few key ingredients.

First, we must choose the item to use. Different parents use different items as their “rod” of discipline. There is no “right” item. We make sure that the item will have the desired effect while doing no damage to the child.

Second, the place on their bodies is key. We *always* strike a very meaty part of their bodies—predominantly their backsides. When they are wearing heavier clothing like blue jeans, we may strike the back of a thigh, also a very meaty part. By restricting the spank to a meaty part, there is no lasting effect...just the sting.

Third is the amount of discipline. The number of swats they receive relates in part to the seriousness of the sin. I don't mean the seriousness of the action. Throwing food at the table is disobedient. So too is a defiant “NO!” The root sin is disobedience and the number of swats is the same for both. Now, punching a brother in the eye receives more because of the increased danger they posed to the family. That is more serious.

**4. We comfort them in their discomfort.** When we are done with the spanking, they are generally uncomfortable. I often rub the part that was swatted and I always embrace them. God comforts us in our affliction and so we ought to do the same for our children. This is often a silent time (except for the crying). I don't want to be preached at when I am hurting so we don't do that to our children.

**5. We instruct.** Before the spanking, their hearts were hard and their minds were preoccupied. Now, after the spanking, they are more pliable and able to listen. This is where we attempt to restore them with our words. We try to build love and acceptance into them.

**6. We pray for them.** We always thank God for them and ask Him to help them by the power of His Spirit in the area of their sin. We try as best we can to avoid the temptation to preach to them through our praying.

**7. We have them pray.** They not only sinned against us (or a sibling), but they sinned against a holy God. So, when they pray, they acknowledge their sin before God and ask His forgiveness and His help in the future.

**8. We love them.** Before letting them go, we hug them. We tell them that we love them again. Sometimes we'll pinch a child's nose, tweak a cheek, or tickle his belly. We always try to do something that reminds them that everything is okay and that their sin has been separated from them.

**9. We have them seek out the people involved.** This final step is seeking out the forgiveness of those they've sinned against. This almost invariably starts with us, since it was our authority they rebelled against. This should not be a quick heartless, "I'm sorry." That is not seeking forgiveness. It can vary, but it must always include a question like, "Will you forgive me for ... ?" Discipline can look different in every family.

However, I hope this look at how it is done in our family has been helpful to you as you envision how you might carry out the forgotten part of discipline with your children.

In the end, the "how-to" is not nearly as important as the environment of love you create for your children. Take some time and evaluate your heart as you consider discipline in your family. Correct anything you find that fails to rescue them from their sin and restore them to a right relationship with you and with God.

***Additional note:*** The purpose of this article is to encourage parents to restore their children's hearts intentionally through their words. The article is not intended to give a comprehensive view of discipline. However, it must be said that discipline on the whole, and spanking in particular, must **never** occur when the parent is angry. Too much is at stake to allow anger to overtake the situation. When you are angry, I suggest taking 10 or 20 minutes to calm down and pray. If need be, allow the opportunity for spanking to pass rather than proceed in anger. You cannot achieve God's purposes for discipline if you are sinning against your children in your anger.

## The Good News about Discipline

### Hebrews 12:10

For they **disciplined** us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

### Job 5:17

“Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

### Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD or loathe His reproof, <sup>12</sup>For whom the LORD loves He reprove>s, even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights.

### Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life.

### Hebrews 12:5-6

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”

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For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”

### Hebrews 12:7

It is for **discipline** that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not **discipline**?

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## DESCRIPTIONS OF A FOOL

### Proverbs 15:5

Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.

### Proverbs 10:23

Doing wrong is fun for a fool, but living wisely brings pleasure to the sensible.

### Proverbs 18:2

A **fool** does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind.

### Proverbs 18:7

The mouths of **fools** are their ruin; they trap themselves with their lips.

### Proverbs 12:15

The way of a **fool** is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

### Proverbs 10:8

A wise heart accepts commands, but foolish lips will be destroyed.

### Proverbs 29:11

A **fool** always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back.

### Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; **fools** despise wisdom and instruction.

### Proverbs 23:9

Do not speak in the hearing of a **fool**, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

### Proverbs 26:11

Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a **fool** who repeats his folly.

### Ecclesiastes 10:12

Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a **fool** consume him;

### Proverbs 26:12

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

### Proverbs 17:10

A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred blows into a **fool**.

### Proverbs 28:26

He who trusts in his own heart is a **fool**, but he who walks wisely will be delivered.

### Proverbs 29:20

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

### Psalms 14:1

The **fool** has said in his heart, "There is no God "They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

## THE FOOL

The foolish despise instruction and reproofs from those who are wiser (Proverbs 15:5).  
Rebukes just bounce off of the foolish (Proverbs 17:10).  
The foolish looks with haughty eyes (Proverbs 6:17).  
The foolish are stubbornly right in their own eyes (Proverbs 12:15).  
The foolish have a history of repeating their folly (Proverbs 26:11).  
The foolish lash out in rash words like sword thrusts (Proverbs 12:18).  
The foolish are often characterized by shouting (Ecclesiastes 9:17).  
The foolish joke about their wrongdoing (Proverbs 10:23).  
The foolish are quick to speak (Proverbs 29:20)  
The foolish make great boasts (Psalm 12:3).  
The foolish are quickly annoyed by insults (Proverbs 12:16).  
The foolish express no shame over their folly (Proverbs 13:16).  
The foolish speak and act with recklessness and carelessness (Proverbs 14:16).  
The foolish spew folly from their mouths (Proverbs 15:2).  
When the foolish try and speak in a dignified manner it feels artificial (Proverbs 17:7).  
The foolish engage in slander (Proverbs 10:18).  
The foolish love to boldly pronounce their opinions (Proverbs 18:2).  
The foolish have repeatedly been ensnared by their words in their past (Proverbs 18:7).  
The foolish are often characterized by quarrelling (Proverbs 20:3)  
The foolish frequently disregard wisdom (Proverbs 23:9)  
When others stoop to engage the foolish according to their folly, they end up looking foolish themselves (Proverbs 26:4-5).  
Those known to be wise are concerned and burdened by the words and actions of the foolish (Proverbs 27:3).  
The foolish rage or mock when arguing with others (Proverbs 29:9).  
The foolish love to give full vent to their spirit (Proverbs 29:11).  
The foolish may consider themselves religious, but their unbridled tongues show that religion to be worthless (James 1:26).

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### **Proverbs 26:4-5 (NIV)**

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

### **Proverbs 26:4-5 (NLT)**

Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are. Be sure to answer the foolish arguments of fools, or they will become wise in their own estimation.

## Those who Love Discipline/Hate Discipline

### Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

### Proverbs 13:18

Poverty and shame *will come* to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored.

### Proverbs 15:5

A fool rejects his father's discipline, but he who regards reproof is sensible.

### Proverbs 15:32

He who neglects discipline despises himself, but he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.

### Proverbs 16:22

Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the discipline of fools is folly.

### Proverbs 19:20

Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days.

### Proverbs 19:27

Cease listening, my son, to discipline, *and you will* stray from the words of knowledge.

## **25 Ways to Provoke Your Children to Anger**

**Lou Priolo**

How much of the anger in my home is caused by me? That's a painful question. As parents, fathers in particular, we must heed God's Word from Ephesians 6:4. Of course, this is not to say that all of our children's anger is caused by us! Each of our children is personally responsible for his or her own sin. However, this warning from God is here for a reason. One of the ways our sinful flesh rears its ugly head is by provoking others to anger. And the easiest place to do that is in our own home.

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What are the most common ways we do this? Here's a helpful list from Lou Priolo:

1. Lack of marital harmony
2. Establishing and maintaining a child-centered home
3. Modeling sinful anger
4. Habitually disciplining in anger
5. Scolding
6. Being inconsistent with discipline
7. Having double standards
8. Being legalistic
9. Not admitting you're wrong and not asking for forgiveness
10. Constantly finding fault
11. Parents reversing God-given roles
12. Not listening to your child's opinion or taking his or her 'side of the story' seriously
13. Comparing them to others
14. Not making time 'just to talk'
15. Not praising or encouraging your child
16. Failing to keep your promises
17. Chastening in front of others
18. Not allowing enough freedom
19. Allowing too much freedom
20. Mocking your child
21. Abusing them physically
22. Ridiculing or name calling
23. Unrealistic expectations
24. Practicing favoritism
25. Child training with worldly methodologies inconsistent with God's Word