

Discipline on the First Command

To discipline on the first command demands authority. Gen 15:18 is the land grant. It is going to take us to do it. Gen 15:18 is an unconditional promise as the Christians say, and they are right, but He is going to do it through a thankful people, one who loves to do His will. No one knows this, not the Jews or the Christians; they don't have anything to do with the fulfillment of this promise made by our God to Abraham. They don't know those in Messiah (Gal 3:29), who are led by the Spirit (Rom 8:9) are going to bring about Gen 15:18 through Gen 18:19.

If we don't have the authority to discipline, we are not the seed of Abraham. We fear God in the same good way our children should fear us. We are friends of natural Israel, their servants. So we need to bring about the promise made by our God to Abraham — they can't do it. The Christians can't do it. The churches (and the synagogues) are full of disobedient children. Our God could never fulfill Gen 18:19 through a people like 2 Tim 3:1-5.

What does discipline on the first command mean? So some of us haven't done it and we are reaping the consequences of our

WEAKNESS??

REBELLION??

It is rebellion because we can cry out to have the grace to overcome the besetting weaknesses we have, the wrong ways which were passed on to us by our parents in the world. We are the supreme examples of damaged people. It will bring such glory to our Master when we overcome by His grace.

Discipline on the first command does not mean, "Spank your child into obeying you." Acting like that is a threat to the child's self-esteem and only puts negative things into him.

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR CHILD YOUR LOVE AND AFFECTION. There is no way to do that apart from the essential thing we have been taught — turn around and look at them when you are talking to them and when they are talking to you. If you don't have affection for a child, he knows it. You can't fool a child.

Only by your affection and attention can you bring your child to the absolute recognition of your authority. This has to happen by the time they are a year old. He has to know who he is and where he came from (as he grows up). He has to know he is yours and that he came from his imma.

Discipline — Spanking Too Lightly

If you spank your child too lightly, what does it produce? *It produces the negative result of strengthened rebellion, and they will never know that you love them.* God will not allow your children to know that unless you love God enough to obey Him and scour away the evil from their heart.¹ Apart from this, your child will never know you love him. Spanking too lightly damages the child psychologically. But some people discipline in anger and they spank too hard. Rom 8:9 — The seed of Abraham knows how to spank, producing the fruit of the kingdom and bringing the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham nearly 4,000 years ago.

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Some parents could not understand why their repeated spanking does not produce the desired results. They spank the child only in desperation, to make it do what it was told. This is a real story:

The four-year-old was told to go to bed. He didn't. A few minutes later the parents said, "If you don't go to bed right now, I am going to discipline you." This threat was their first mistake; they should have disciplined on the first command when

¹Pr 20:30

the child did not obey. Their child has instead grown accustomed to his parent's threats, and knew they wouldn't be fulfilled right away. Sure enough, a half-hour later, the parent was about to really lose their temper because the child had not yet gone to bed...

Discipline — At the Dawn

If you don't discipline at dawn, it is too late when the sun comes up. Some parents wonder why their spankings have to be repeated so often. It is because they have lost control of the child, and then they ultimately lose the child. Spiritually losing the child guarantees physically losing the child.

You never have to spank in anger. You make sure the child understands your clear command instead. A command spoken in a normal tone of voice, not demanding, threatening, or shouting, is all that is necessary. Then if your child disobeys you, spank him so that he will never do it again. If you are disobedient to authority you are disobedient to God. A parent who hesitates is lost and his child will be lost as well.

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Pr 13:24 — Diligence is spanking them early, without hesitation.

Disciplining them early = LOVE;

Disciplining them late = HATE.

Early means you do it at the proper time. The leaders of the communities are going to the second death for believers if they are not making sure the child training teachings are being taught. Pr 13:24 — If you spare the rod, if you don't discipline your child early, it means you hate your child, you hate the word, you hate the teachings, and you hate the anointing.

1. Make sure your child understands your direct command, which is spoken loud enough for them to hear.

2. Make sure you teach your children. Make it plain why you are spanking them, speaking to them in love. Make sure you discipline them at the dawn — before their rebellion permeates their being, before they can anticipate your (wrong) behavior. At the dawn means, when you see it. You deal with it *then*. Early means at the first sight of light or understanding (in their lives, and as soon as you perceive in the situation they are being disobedient).
3. Spank your child without delay. Don't delay. What is America's favorite past-time? *Procrastination*. LATE IS HATE. EARLY IS LOVE. If we deal with things later the rebellion that develops from it is virtually impossible to deal with. (Unless they can receive the Holy Spirit when they are youth because they are willing to do His will. But that is not a promise. *The promise is that if we train up our child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it (Pr 22:6)*. We do not tolerate rebellion — weakness, yes.
4. Discipline them so they won't want to do it again. Don't say to your child, “This is going to hurt me more than it is going to hurt you.” Discipline them so they won't want to do it again. Tell them, in love, that they are making you do this. Tell them, “I love you, and I don't want to see you go off into rebellion.” Remember, a disobedient child is *guilty*; he has not been made to *feel* guilty as some crackpot psychologists say. A child knows he is guilty. He has to change from the spirit of rebellion to an attitude of willing obedience. You see it all the time with your children. They are disciplined and they are restored to you, happy and thankful. The child has to pay for his own sins by his own hurt.

5. Do not humiliate your child, especially before others. Do not make him feel whipped by how you speak to him. It causes him to lose all confidence and produces an inferiority complex.
6. Never lie to your child.
7. Never refuse to answer questions about sexual matters. Never say, “You're not old enough to hear that.” Never scold your child in any way for asking questions about sex by accusing him of having interest in indecent things. Be sure you represent sex as God intended and ordained it in its right uses — as decent, pure, and good. Make sure your child understands early enough that good things can sometimes be put to sinful uses. When your child asks you where he came from, tell him the truth. He came from his abba and imma, and let the imma tell him, “You grew into a baby inside of me right under my heart.” She can point right to where her heart is. When teaching your child to be modest, when the natural time has come to cover the pubic hair they are growing, explain that sex (or sexual organs) is something wonderful that our Father made, but that sex is to be used as God intended.

Discipline — Teaching Our Children

One of the greatest crimes, tragedies, and sins of child training is the sin of omission — the parent's failure to teach their children, not only about sex, but about anything. When we are ashamed to tell our children about sex, we are rebellious and controlled by the devil.

We must not be parents who neglect to teach their children anything. Anyone knows that if you teach someone something they don't know, you bond them to you. You've got them, if you will teach them. You have to give them something positive.

Parents who teach their children love them, even in the world they don't hand them over to the television at a young age so it becomes their god.

The problem with the stem is they don't read and pass on what they read in the child training teachings to their children. (We should know them; our enemies do.) So the parents have to have understanding to pass on to the child. Heb 13:17 is coming upon the leaders.

In the Amplified version,

Discipline your son while there is hope, but do not [indulge your angry resentments by undue chastisements and] set yourself to his ruin (Pr 19:18).

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him (Pr 22:15).

Withhold not discipline from the child; for if you strike and punish him with the [reed-like] rod, he will not die (Pr 23:13).

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left undisciplined brings his mother to shame (Pr 29:15).

Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your heart (Pr 29:17).

Our children can be the delight of our heart, but they can also make us ashamed. (In 1983, the Social Services was contacted by two children who said they were being sexually abused in their own family. They failed to act and were recently sued for a million dollars. They were too busy trying to destroy the community than to take care of these children. This is a little bit of discipline to them.)

Early is not late. Without that early discipline, the fallen nature within us is blown out of proportion.

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Shoresh: If you feed something, it grows.

It is good to make sure you have your children's attention, to let them know that you love them. The word *early* means at the proper time, or even before time. *Late* means *too late*. If your wife desires you, and you love her, your children are not going to grow up to be homosexuals.

Let's get these teachings off the page and into the hearts of the people in our communities! We have to be blameless and circumcise our children so that they can bring about Gen 17:8 — that the seed of Abraham would have the whole land of Canaan (Gen 15:18; 17:1; 18:19).

We have to judge ourselves according to the word. If we do, we won't be wishy-washy.

Qatan: I have been trying to understand about the difference between rebellion and weakness. I see that rebellion is the rejection of the demand that authority places on your life, because discipline on the first command disturbs your comfort and your ease.

Raphael: The child, when you discipline him lightly, senses you are holding back.

Ehud: It creates insecurity in them because you are insecure.

Hakam: Then they become performers and manipulators.

Shoresh: I wanted to say something about the importance of a woman maintaining her desire for her husband. When my life was falling apart because the wife of a co-worker I respected and admired was trying to seduce me, I opened up what I was struggling with to my Dad. He was touched that I had. At the time I was so low I didn't even want to live because I didn't know what was going on inside me, how to think about all these desires in me. The only thing I could do was quit and leave that place.

My father told me, "I have done a lot of things I have not been proud of, but I have always been faithful to your mother. Your mother believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself."

My two closest friends died of AIDS *before they were 30*. They were homosexuals. I was not a better person than them, but their mothers didn't desire their fathers, and they didn't know who they were. It is so important that we love our wives. My mother was talking to me once later

on and she said, "There were times when I didn't know if I could go on because of all your father's troubles." *I didn't know he even had troubles, because my mother never uncovered my father to me. She never let me think less of him by the way she acted.*