



Principles of Discipline

- I. Personal application – children will mirror their parents -- Make sure you are a disciplined parent.
- II. Demonstrate love to children: Discipline without love causes rebellion and bitterness.
- III. Set guidelines of obedience – Both parents should set these, and back them up consistently – no divided authority.
- IV. Ten Steps for Correction:
 - 1. Establish personal responsibility – What did you do? Not, why did you do...?
 - 2. Get alone. Discipline child away from others to avoid demoralization.
 - 3. Reflect grief – Designed to get them to think and repent.
 - 4. Establish God as the final authority. God has given me the responsibility to discipline.
 - 5. Associate discipline with love.
 - 6. Use a neutral object – not a hand or personal object.
 - 7. Break the self-will...but not the spirit. Spank until they cry...Slay the will of the flesh.
 - 8. Comfort – love – reassure – let the spanking be the complete discipline.
 - 9. Restitution – lead them to pray and to ask forgiveness.
 - 10. Evaluate the discipline...Was I unfair, angry, over or under-disciplined?