

Accept & Value Discipline

- **Prov. 17:10** A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding Than a hundred blows into a fool.
- **Prov. 12:1** One who loves discipline [instruction] loves knowledge, But one who hates rebuke is stupid.
- **Prov. 13:1** A wise son *accepts his* father's discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- **Prov. 3:11** My son, do not reject the discipline [instruction] of the Lord Or loathe His rebuke, **12** For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, *Just* as a father *disciplines* the son in whom he delights.

Benefits of Discipline

- **Prov. 10:17** One who is *on* the path of life follows instruction, But one who ignores a rebuke goes astray.
- **Prov. 13:18** Poverty and shame *will come* to one who neglects discipline, But one who complies with rebuke will be honored.
- **Prov. 15:5** A fool rejects [despises] his father's discipline, But he who complies with rebuke is sensible.
- **Prov. 15:32** One who neglects discipline rejects himself, But one who listens to a rebuke acquires understanding.
- **Prov. 19:18** Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.
- **Prov. 19:25** Strike a scoffer and the naive may become clever, But rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will gain [discern] knowledge.
- **Prov. 29:15** The rod and a rebuke give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way [is left to himself] brings shame to his mother.
- **Prov. 29:17** Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.
- **Prov. 17:6** Grandchildren are the crown of the old, And the glory of sons is their fathers.

Necessity of Discipline

- **Prov. 15:10** There is severe punishment for one who abandons the way; One who hates a rebuke will die.
- **Prov.23:13** Do not withhold discipline from a child; Though you strike him with the rod, he will not die. **14** You shall strike him with the rod And rescue his soul from Sheol.
- **Prov.22:15** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- **Prov. 13:24** He who withholds his rod [correction or discipline] hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
 - **Tyndale:** "This is not a purely Old Testament attitude: it is expounded more fully in Hebrews 12:5–11. The latter passage draws attention to the imperfect motives of human fathers, and Ephesians 6:4 warns against undue severity; but the obligation remains. Proverbs itself exalts the place of tenderness, constructiveness and example, in this relationship: see, e.g., 4:3, 4, 11. (*Betimes*, AV, RV: the phrase is lit. 'he seeks him early [or, earnestly] with discipline.')"

Hebrews 12:

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.” [quoting Prov.3.11-12]

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

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

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Eph 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:

3 When I was my father’s son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

4 He also taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.”

10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

Tyndale OT Commentary: “But the rod is no panacea [cure-all]. The book [Proverbs] tacitly condemns the martinet [tyrant] by its own reasonable approach, its affectionate earnestness, and its assumption that the old find their natural crown, and the young their proper pride, in each other (17:6). The parents’ chief resource is constructive, namely their ‘law’, taught with loving persistence. This ‘law’ (*tôrâ*) is a wide term which includes commands (cf. 3:1; 7:2) but is not confined to them: basically it means direction, and its aim here is to foster wise habits of thought and action (in the ‘heart’ and in the ‘fingers’, 7:3) which, so far from enslaving a person, will equip him to find his way through life with sureness (3:23; 4:12) and honour (1:9; 4:8, 9). There is a childhood reminiscence of its tenderness preserved in 4:3ff., and a sample of its bracing outspokenness, its home truths, in 31:1–9.”

Tyndale OT Commentary: “Many are the reminders, however, that even the best training cannot instil wisdom, but only encourage the choice to seek it (e.g. 2:1ff.). A son may be too opinionated to learn (13:1; cf. 17:21). A good home may produce an idler (10:5) or a profligate (29:3): he may be rebel enough to despise (15:20), mock (30:17) or curse (30:11; 20:20) his parents; heartless enough to run through their money (28:24), and even to turn a widowed mother out of doors (19:26). While there are parents who have only themselves to thank for their shame (29:15), it is ultimately the man himself who must bear his own blame, for it is his attitude to wisdom (29:3a; 2:2ff.), his consent given or withheld (1:10) in face of temptation which sets his course. Corresponding to the family shame is the joy which a wise son bestows.”