

SPARE THE ROD, SPOIL THE CHILD?

Series: *Myth Busters*

– Proverbs 13:24 –

I. PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR BIBLICAL DISCIPLINE

1. You have to _____ your child.

2. Never _____ your child in _____.

(a) The **purpose** of punishment is to _____.

(b) The **focus** of punishment is on the _____.

(c) The **attitude** of the parent in punishment is _____.

(d) The **result** of punishment is _____.

(a) The **purpose** of discipline is to _____.

(b) The **focus** of discipline is on the _____.

(c) The **attitude** of the parent in discipline is _____.

(d) The **result** of discipline is _____.

3. _____ more than you _____.

II. POSITIVE RESULTS OF BIBLICAL DISCIPLINE

1. Lesson in _____

2. Roots out _____

3. Steers toward _____

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. With your own children are you more or less strict than your parents were with you?
3. From what you see in Heb. 12 and elsewhere in Scripture, what can you reasonably expect in life if you do *not* obey the command in vs. 7?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how much do you agree with Prov. 23:13-14? If less than 5, what practical alternative to the rod do you suggest? How does your alternative compare to the way you were raised? What uses and abuses of rod-like discipline are you concerned about?
5. What is the connection between refusing to discipline your children and being a willing party to his/her death? Proverbs 19:18
6. Which of the differences between punishment and discipline stand out the most to you and why?