

Text: 1 Kings 1:5-14; Hebrews 12:4-11; Proverbs
Topics: Discipline, Training Children
Series: Building Families God's Way

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Timeout or Spank?

I. Beware of Neglect (1 Kings 1:5-14)

Adonijah...

David...

My undisciplined child may bring grief to many!

In the Bible discipline is...

Instruction, correction, and chastisement

II. Be Intentional (Hebrews 12:4-11)

My motivation for discipline should always be love,
and my purpose to raise a righteous adult.

God's example teaches me to help my child see the cause of,
and good in, the discipline.

Never forget: Jesus took my chastisement. (Isaiah 53:5)

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Would you say that good discipline was exercised in your home growing up? Was it effective?

2. How are Eli's sons described in 1 Samuel 2:12-17? How did they respond when he tried to correct them as adults? Read the rest of the chapter. What did God tell Eli?

What message was young Samuel told to give Eli, the prophet & judge, in 1 Samuel 3:10-14?

If you failed as a parent like Eli did, what might the result be?

3. Read about Samuel's sons in 1 Samuel 8:1-5. What did he learn from being under Eli?

Can you think of a parenting failure you had from following the bad example of another parent? Have you corrected it? How?

4. Read 2 Samuel 13. What happened in David's household? How did David respond? See also 2 Samuel 14:24. Was David's parenting right, or wrong? Why?

Read 2 Samuel 14:28-32 then 15:1-14. How did Absalom respond?

What can be learned from the parenting of these fathers? How can you apply this, whether you are a parent or not?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?