

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

May 28

GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR FAMILY LOVE POWERED PARENTING

Matthew 5:48 (NIV) *"Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."*

Treat your kids the same way God treats you.

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) *"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He knows how we are formed. He remembers we are only dust."*

IF I'M GOING TO BE A GOOD PARENT:

1. I must learn to understand my children.

Proverbs 24:3 (GN) *"Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding."*

Proverbs 14:29 (NIV) *"A man of understanding has patience."*

2. I must learn to accept my children.

Psalm 127:3 (NIV) *"Children are a gift from God; they are his reward."*

Romans 15:7 (NIV) *"Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you."*

3. I must learn to discipline my children.

Hebrews 12:6 (NIV) *"The Lord disciplines those whom He loves."*

If I don't discipline my children, then two things are true:

It proves that I really don't love my children.

Proverbs 13:24 (CEV) *"If you love your children, you will correct them; if you don't love them, you won't correct them."*

I'm participating in their destruction.

Proverbs 19:18 (GN) *"Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't you're helping them destroy themselves."*

What is the difference between punishment and discipline?

- The purpose of punishment is to inflict penalty
- The purpose of discipline is to promote growth
- The focus of punishment is on the on the past
- The focus of discipline is on the on the future
- The attitude in punishment is anger
- The attitude in discipline is love
- The result of punishment is fear, guilt and more anger
- The result of discipline is security

1 John 4:18 (NIV) *“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out all fear, because fear has to do with punishment.”*

HOW DO YOU DISCIPLINE?

- A. Calmly
- B. Quickly
- C. Sparingly

Colossians 3:21 (LB) *“Fathers, don’t scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying.”*

4. I must learn to express love to my children.

- Through affection.
- Through affirmation.
- Through attention

5. I must learn to be consistent with my children

- Don’t imply perfection
- Keep your promises.