

# FAMILY MATTERS

## *"Discipline... The Love that Hurts so Good"*

### Ephesians 6:1-4 (Pew Bible Page 829)

Ancient Southern Philosopher once said...under his breath:  
*"Accepting discipline is like eating wasabi...it hurts so good"*  
*"God was perfect; His kids still blew it. Lighten up on yourself"*

\* DISCIPLINE IS CORRECTION DRIVEN BY LOVE

*"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves..."* Hebrews 12:5-6

*"Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death."* Proverbs 19:18

\* DISCIPLINE IS SOMETHING YOU DO FOR YOUR CHILD, NOT TO YOUR CHILD.

*"A child who has not been disciplined with love by his little world will be disciplined without love by the great big world."* Zig Ziglar

## UNDISCIPLINED PARENTS

\* LIFEGUARD PARENTS: OFTEN RESCUE A CHILD FROM CONSEQUENCES.

*"Don't be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."* Galatians 6:7

\* ETCH-A-SKETCH PARENTS: OFTEN INCONSISTENT

*"The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself, disgraces his mother...Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul."* Proverbs 29:15, 17

\* SPLIT-DECISION PARENTS: OFTEN UNUNITED

*"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?"* Amos 3:3

## PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

1. We expect FIRST time and CHEERFUL obedience.

*"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord"* Colossians 3:20

*"Do everything without complaining and arguing"* Philippians 2:14

Discipline more for ATTITUDES than ACTIONS

2. We agree to **never** discipline in **ANGER**

*"In your anger do not sin"*

Ephesians 4:26

Bible Verses on disciplining...Proverbs 3:12, 13:24, 22:15

3. We will discipline promptly with **INSTRUCTION** and **RECONCILIATION**

*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* Ephesians 6:4

### FOR REFLECTION AND ACTION

As a parent, are you more characterized by rescuing,  
being inconsistent or being ununified?

How can you improve?

What is God showing you about discipline?

Do you have an anger problem when disciplining?

Are you offering instruction and reconciliation?

What does God need to change in you?