PARENTOLOGY

(3) Dare To Discipline

BIG IDEA...

HOW do WE develop GOD'S PLAN for better Parenting?

(WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT... DISCIPLINE?)

THREE HATS OF DISCIPLINE...

1. GROUNDSKEEPER

(Defining the RULES/BOUNDARIES!)

2. REFEREE

(Enforce the RULES/BOUNDARIES!)

3. COACH

(Continuing a TEACHING the RULES/BOUNDARIES!)

DISCIPLINE is what I do **FOR** my Children... so that they will be **PREPARED** for when I'm not in the room later in life!

PUNISHMENT is what I do **TO** my Children... to satisfy my **FRUSTRATION**!

PROVERBS 29:15...

The **ROD** of Correction imparts wisdom...

GROUNDSKEEPER...

Define the RULES/BOUNDARIES!

Wouldn't it be 'safe to say' that the BIBLE is really GOD'S "GROUNDSKEEPING" in our LIVES?

MOM/DAD...

DEFINE YOUR BOUNDARIES! (And...)
DON'T CHANGE THE RULES – IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME!

NEVER... EVER... DISAGREE ON THE RULES IN FRONT OF THE KIDS!

AGREE PUBLICLY – DISAGREE PRIVATELY!

Don't mistake PRESIDENCE (Biblical) with PREFERENCE (Personal)!

THERE ARE CLEAR BIBLICAL 'LINES' THAT HAVE BEEN DRAWN ON PARENTING... HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THEM?

REFEREE...

Enforce the RULES/BOUNDARIES!

PROVERBS 13:24...

He who spares the ROD hates his son – but he who LOVES HIM is careful to DISCIPLINE him!

The **REFEREE** only makes sense when they...

CALL THE FOUL and ENFORCE THE PENALTY!

BIG PENALTIES need to be reserved for ATTITUDE - not for ACTIONS!

When you're not CONSISTENT – you eventually will DISCIPLINE out of ANGER!

When we Discipline CONSISTENTLY – we Discipline with WISDOM!

Proverbs 29:15...
The Rod of Correction IMPARTS WISDOM!

Hebrews 12:6... the Lord disciplines those He loves

Proverbs 3:12... the Lord **disciplines** those He **loves**

SPANKING... RIGHT OR WRONG?

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Not DISCIPLINING your Child for Wrongdoing is not an ACT OF LOVE... BUT ACTUALLY THE LACK OF IT!

DARE TO DISCIPLINE / Dr. James Dobson

HAVE A NEW KID BY FRIDAY / Dr. Kevin Lehman

HOW DO I DEAL WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD?

The STRONG-WILLED Test...

- 1) Almost never accepts words like 'impossible' or phrases like 'it can't be done.'
 - 2) Can move with lightning speed from being a warm loving presence to being a cold immovable force.
 - 3) May argue the point into the ground sometimes just to see how far into the ground the point will go.
 - 4) When bored has been know to 'create a crisis' rather than have a day go by without an incident.
 - 5) Consider 'Rules' to be more like 'Guidelines'
 - 6) Shows great creativity and resourcefulness seems to always find a way to accomplish a goal

- 7) Can turn what seems like the smallest issue into a grand crusade or a raging controversy.
- 8) Doesn't do things just because 'you're supposed to' it needs to matter personally.
- 9) Refuses to obey unconditionally seems to always have a few terms of negotiation before complying.
 - 10) Is not afraid to try the unknown to conquer the unfamiliar.
 - 11) Can take what was mean to be the simplest request and interpret it as an offensive ultimatum.
- 12) May not actually apologize but almost always makes things right.

0-3 / You've got it – but you don't use it much!
4-7 / You use it when you need to – not on a daily basis!
8-10 / You've got a very healthy does of it – but you can back off when you want to!
11-12 / You don't leave home without it – and it's almost impossible to NOT use it!

- 1) You need to consistently show that SWC Child not only LOVE but the VALUE of RESPECT!
 - 2) Choose your battles carefully with a SWC most aren't worth Sacrificing the Relationship!

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME ~ BUT I CAN BE PERSUADED / Cynthia Tobias

COACHING...

Continue Teaching/Training the RULES/BOUNDARIES!

PROVERBS 22:6...

TRAIN a child in the way he should go – and when he is old he will not turn from it!

DISCIPLINE at it's VERY BEST – is followed up by COACHING!

Effective COACHING that follows DISCIPLINE doesn't DWELL ON THE MOMENT – it USES THE MOMENT as a TEACHING OPPORTUNITY!

INSTILL WITHIN THEM THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME (LIFE) – THAT IT BECOMES SO ACCURATE – SO PRECISE – THAT THEY ARE PREPARED FOR THE GAME (LIFE) – WHEN YOU'RE NOT OUT THERE WITH THEM!!