

Opening Question: Why do we discipline? (Aims and Reasons)

Unbiblical Discipline

1. Believes discipline is harmful to the child
  - a. Genesis 4:3-7 (8-13) | Proverbs 22:15
  
  - b. Counterpoint: Proverbs 13:24
  
2. Depends excessively on controlling the child (external conformity)
  - a. What kinds of outcomes are possible if our discipline is too focused here?
  
  - b. Colossians 3:5-10, 12-14
  
  - c. Role Playing
    - i. Children are fighting over a toy
      1. What's the put off?
  
      2. What's the put on?
  
    - ii. Teenager berates an official in a sports contest
      1. What's the put off?
  
      2. What's the put on?
  
  - d. Application: The Power of Superior Affections

3. Disciplines out uncontrolled anger
  - a. To discipline this way means:
    - i. Your discipline will be inconsistent
    - ii. Your example will undercut your teaching
    - iii. Your discipline lies about God
      1. Nehemiah 9:16-17 | 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
4. Neglects timely correction
  - a. Proverbs 19:18 | Ecclesiastes 8:11

### Biblical Discipline

1. Is, above all, loving
2. Hebrews 12:1-11
  - a. The indicative drives the imperative (1-4)
    - i. How good are you at applying the gospel to your life?
  - b. It is God's intention that we struggle (5-7)
  - c. If you are not disciplined, you are illegitimate children (8)
  - d. God intends good for our children, and we are a means of it (9-11)
3. Application: A model for discipline
  - a. 1:1 with child
  - b. Explain the offense, probe for heart-recognition (age appropriate)
  - c. Explain the standard/expectation
  - d. Pray with and for them
  - e. Administer discipline (mercy?)
  - f. Reconcile and remind