

Lesson 3: Whatever Happened to . . . Discipline?

1. How would you respond to someone that said, “I love my children too much to ever spank them?”
2. Read **Hebrews 12.6-11**. What truths about discipline in the home do you find?
3. What differences do you see between “child abuse” and godly discipline?
4. Should we allow the extreme of some (over-bearing discipline) to push us to the opposite extreme (passive parenting where children get away with everything) and avoid discipline altogether?

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5. What does **Proverbs 29.15** say about a child who gets his own way?
6. What does **Proverbs 29.17** say about the positive benefits of negative discipline?
7. I smile at parents who envision their kids will be perfect. And why not – perfect parents produce perfect kids, right? Bill Cosby said, *“God has a wonderful sense of humor for parents like that . . .”* Someone else said, *“Confidence is what you have before you understand the situation . . .”* On the outside looking in, being a parent seems fairly easy. On the inside looking out, it’s the most difficult job in the world. What has been your greatest struggle(s)?
8. It’s easy to forget that kids will be kids. Given their immaturity, how can we teach them to be more responsible?
9. Who is the one that loves his son according to **Proverbs 13.24b**?