

Biblical Child-Rearing—part 3

Setting the Right Standards

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1. Set standards which are clearly biblical.

2. We should have the same standards for our children that we have for ourselves or any other mature Christian.

Deuteronomy 5

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

(1) We don't discipline for physical, mental or emotional immaturity

(2) You always discipline for *sin*, —for *disobedience*.

3. We must avoid equating "house rules" with God's rules

4. Discipline strictly and thoroughly while your children are little —discipline for "little sins."

Psalms 19:12,13

Proverbs 19:18

Things for which parents often neglect to discipline —when they ought to discipline.

- (1) "whining"
- (2) squabbling, fighting
- (3) slow or delayed obedience; "angry obedience"
- (4) "tale-bearing" (rejoicing in unrighteousness)
- (5) disrespect —words or actions (e.g., pulling away, pushing away)
- (6) laziness
- (7) "angry crying," e.g., screaming, kicking, yelling, pulling away when disciplined

5. We must not lead our children into temptation. Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- (1) imposing "impossible standards"
- (2) giving too many commands
- (3) giving unnecessary commands
 - *if you give a command you will have to discipline for disobedience

6. We must prepare our children for temptation

- we must anticipate situations for them
- e.g., going to someone else's home
 - *what you expect
 - * what they should watch out for
 - * what you want them to focus on