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SHALL I DISCIPLINE MY CHILD?

We seem to be living in an age when it is becoming "unloving" or "unkind" to whip one's child for doing wrong. It's the generation of the Dr. Spock approach with reasonings, dialogues, and perpetual pleadings rather than the firm hand of respected authority. Brethren and friends let's rest assured that the Word of God does not uphold Mr. Spock's permissiveness and lets pray for wisdom to harmonize the below verses for the glory of God.

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." (Prov. 13:24)

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again." (Prov. 19:18,19)

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Prov. 22:15)

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." (Prov. 23:13,14)

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." (Prov. 29:15,17)

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph 6:4)

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Heb. 12:8-11)

NEWS & NOTES: We are deeply saddened to have to announce that the lives of brp. Lloyd and sisters Emma and Mary Madden are not such that becommeth the gospel of Christ and they are not to be regarded as members of this congregation. May our Father bless each of us who were concerned enough to plead with them to return to faithfulness.

BULLETIN CORRECTION

Last month I incorrectly mentioned that visiting Christians might assemble in Van Lear, Ky. whereas the preacher, bro. Bill Cantrell, lives there and the church meets elsewhere. Visitors might see him for further information. Sorry!

"He, that being often reprovved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Prov. 29:1)

LOVE?: "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected;" (I John 5:2)