

# TO SPANK OR NOT TO SPANK PS. 103:10-14

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

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**Proverbs 29:17** Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

## Thoughts:

### 1. Spanking is necessary

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Obviously spanking is controversial today and society at large thinks it's of the devil! This is the same society that spanked me in the public school to at least 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

And then there are those small, conspiratorial groups...!

### 2. Spanking is necessary because of the sin nature

**Proverbs 22:15** **Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child**; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

**Psalms 51:5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Psalms 58:3** The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

**Matthew 7:11** **If ye then, being evil**, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

## Here is where thinking and discerning must begin:

Direct disobedience

--OR--

Childish immaturity



Discipline / Punishment

Deliberate mercy / grace

**Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

**Psalms 103:10** He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. **Psalms 103:11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. **Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalms 103:13** Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

**Psalms 103:14** For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

## Thoughts:

- **Never** punish childishness, immaturity or accidents
- **Only** punish willful disobedience
- **Remember:** No nose-to-nose confrontation can be solved by a heart-to-heart conversation
- **Remember:** spanking is not your only tool or even your most important tool

### 3. Spanking is necessary early & often

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**Proverbs 10:1** A wise son maketh a glad father: **but** a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

**Proverbs 10:5** He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: **but** he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

**Proverbs 13:1** A wise son heareth his father's instruction: **but** a scorner heareth not rebuke.

**Proverbs 15:20** A wise son maketh a glad father: **but** a foolish man despiseth his mother.

**Proverbs 17:25** A foolish son is a grief to his father, **and** bitterness to her that bare him.

**Proverbs 19:13** A foolish son is the calamity of his father....

**Proverbs 19:26** He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

### 4. Spanking is necessary **until** change occurs!

**Proverbs 19:18** Chasten thy son **while** there is hope, **and let not** thy soul spare for his crying.

**Proverbs 19:19** A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: **for if** thou deliver him, yet thou must do it **again**.

**Proverbs 19:20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, **that** thou mayest be wise in thy **latter end**.

The goal of any & all discipline is positive change

Discipline works:

- **If it's early enough**
- **If we get past our own angst / emotions**
- **If it is always geared to / connected with change**
- **If we actually discipline**

**Reinforcement** is a modern term for a concept with deep Biblical &/ common sense roots:

Improper discipline	Proper discipline		Improper Discipline
Upside down reinforcement	Positive reinforcement	Negative reinforcement	No reinforcement
This can actually be done in <u>2 ways</u> : Positive reinforcement for negative Behavior Or negative reinforcement for positive behavior	Reward (in some way) any and all behavior that is good and right	Punishment &/ extinguish any & all behavior you don't want <u>or</u> that isn't right / good	No real parenting
<b>Consistency is the key!</b>			

### 5. Spanking is not all / most that is necessary.