

# Loving Discipline

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## Key moments experienced while Loving your child through Discipline.

*Proverbs 29:15 "The rod of correction imparts wisdom . . ."*

- The Infraction:** A clear boundary that has been broken. Not an expectation they didn't fully know.
- The Revelation:** The moment when "they know that you know" that they have crossed the boundary.
- The Confession:** The moment they agree with you and God about the transgression.
- The Room:** A place they are sent to while you gain your composure. :0) A place for Jesus in Wisdom to visit them in The Fear of the Lord.
- The Agreement:** The moment where you teach/train them in understanding:
1. What they have done - clarity is critical
  2. Why it is wrong.
  3. What the consequence is. (Natural consequences and Level of discipline.)  
Natural = any physical consequence, pain, or loss resulting from disobedience  
Level = number of hours grounded, freedoms/privileges removed, or swats.
- The Discipline:** The painful part. Either painful for the back-side, or for there normal freedoms/privileges. *When you spank, they key is to do it appropriately. Not in anger. Remember if you have to discipline again too soon, you didn't make the point the first time. Appropriate is clear.*
- The Private Pain:** When in the midst of the sting, the freedom to wail, get under the covers, etc. is appropriate. Some children prefer being held in this moment.
- The Transition:** This is when you discern between carrying on and appropriate crying. Simply placing a gentle hand on them and saying, "It's ok. Shhhhh," helps them turn the corner. Once they are done, prepare them for the moment of restoration.
- The Restoration:** The words, "I'm sorry for \_\_\_, please forgive me," are a vital and clear way to demark the repentance. I usually have them stand in front of me while I have my hands clasped in front of me and my elbows on my knees; giving a sense of waiting for the resolution.
- The Best Part:** Once they've asked, I open my arms and say, "I forgive you. I wash you in Jesus' blood, and I send your sins away from you!" All while welcoming them in my arms and usually rolling back on the bed in loving embrace.
- The Life-Moment:** Many times, the moments that follow are the highest quality moments to rest, play, talk, and enjoy each other. Many life moving conversations about God, love, sin, etc. come out of these moments.