

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1238: Is Parental Discipline of Our Children a Thing of the Past?

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See:



*While this episode is aimed at those responsible for raising children, it should be noted that these principles are also applicable for everyone who mentors or teaches newer Christians in their fellowship.*

1. What are we seeking to accomplish when we raise and educate our Christian children? List the six points in Proverbs 3:1-12 and explain. Which do you think are the most important for *you* to see in your children?
2. What should husbands and wives strive for in their relationship to be of most benefit to their children? To the best of our ability, what are four things we need to be doing in our lives to give our children the best opportunity for growth? (See Matthew 19:4-6, Romans 12:3, Psalms 101:2-4, 1 Corinthians 12:26, Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10)
3. What are some of your “what ifs”? Do they overwhelm you? How do we combat this? Why shouldn’t Christians expect a problem-free life? If one or more of our “what ifs” become “oh nos!” how does 1 Corinthians 10:13 help us? (See Psalms 23:4-5, 1 Corinthians 7:14, Isaiah 26:3-4)
4. Why is it important to educate our children even while we are protecting them? How should we prepare them for their future protection and peace of mind? (See Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Habakkuk 2:1-3)
5. How can we deal with NOT being perfect parents? What are steps we can take that will help when we inevitably fail at some aspect of parenting? (See Proverbs 24:16, 1 John 2:1-3, 2 Timothy 2:15-16)
6. Explain “personal control” vs “mutual competence” - what is the idea of the changes in this balance as a child grows? What is the goal of these changes? Can these changes go both directions? What was the problem Paul had with the Hebrew brethren? Describe his relationship with them. (See Hebrews 5:12-14)
7. How do we enable our children to grow from 100% our personal control, to mutual competency and eventually maturity/reduced contributions on our part? What is necessary on the part of parents? (See Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21)
8. What is the purpose of discipline? Why do we *restrict* and *restrain* our children? Why should we rejoice to see God’s discipline in OUR lives? (See Proverbs 29:15,17-18, Hebrews 12:7-8)
9. What are the progressive disciplinary steps found in Hebrews 12:5-6? Explain fully:  
*a) do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord...    b) do not faint when you are reprovved by Him...*  
*c) those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines...        d) and He scourges every son He receives...*
10. What is the essential mindset when disciplining anyone? Why? (See Hebrews 12:11, Psalm 127:3)  
What aspects of your parenting (or mentoring) do you see need work? What are you doing that is positive?