

& respect you & not be allowed to get away with outright defiance.

14. Don't be afraid to use chastisement & look on it as the rod of God in your hand, God's servant, & may you teach your children to fear you as God teaches His children—us—to fear Him!

15. The rod of chastisement is not wrong but it is the spirit in which it is wielded that counts. God Himself chastises us with His rod but He does it in Love & in patience & always comforts us afterwards & tries to encourage us to keep on in spite of our mistakes.

16. Even God's spankings are done in Love & are a proof of His Love!

17. I frequently scolded & applied the rod in the form of lectures, exposure in front of others, deprivation of privileges & even very occasionally, some form of corporal punishment, but I always added Love's healing balm afterwards to soothe, encourage, comfort & give hope of recovery.

18. God is not only a God of Love, but He is also a God of wrath & chastisement & judgement if you disobey the rules & endanger yourself, your life, our Family & the Work!

19. When you have to use the rod of chastisement, be sure you wield it in the right spirit.

20. Correction does much, but encouragement does more. Encouragement coming after censure is the sun after a shower.

21. You will surely reap in your children exactly what you sow, especially if you don't discipline them!—That's your job as a parent, to train up your child in the way he should go.

22. Children need discipline, but it must always be tempered with love and mercy.—You always have to weigh their motives. Why did he do it? If he really had a good motive even though the action itself seemed wrong, you should forgive him.

23. If we can't have teenagers that behave in the Family, we just won't have any teenagers!

24. Under the Law of Love God has even more rigidly enforced some rules, but He has relaxed some others where they're not as tough. In your disciplining you have got to decide on what

rules must be obeyed without fail & without exception & what rules can be sometimes relaxed & exceptions made. And you have to have the wisdom of God to know the difference.—Which ones you must enforce without fail & which you can be merciful about.—When to stick to your guns & when to sometimes encourage them & agree to do things their way.

25. You can't have teenagers without a father! No woman can control teenage boys unless she's a real toughy! It takes a man that can really lower the boom on'm & apply the rod & sock it to'm if necessary.

26. We should do with our children as God does with us: He tries to persuade us to do things through the right loving motivation because we want to do what's right, because we love Him & we love others, not just because we're made to, forced to, or because of fear of punishment; that's the old law!

27. But if the gentling & the persuading & the love & the reasoning & the leading & the teaching doesn't work & they're still stubbornly wilfully disobedient, then you've got to crack the whip.

28. Be sure your first admonition is loving, gentle & prayerful & with a good reason, a cheerful warning as to why. But if they persist, sock it to them. Do it in Love as the Lord does (Heb.12:5-11), & if you really love them & they know it & love you they'll eventually keep your commandments. (John 14:15)—And everybody will be happier in the end.

29. Inconsistent discipline is the worst kind of discipline! It's not discipline at all. You have to be consistent. Be frank, be fair, be honest, be loving, but be firm & then be consistent.

30. For a child to be trained by Love takes a lot more time & patience, but they'll be a far better child & much more obedient if they are persuaded to obey through Love, rather than by breaking their will & forcing them to obey for fear of punishment!

31. Try to let young people make a decision themselves to obey & be good, without threatening. Forbear threatening if you can, although I've found it does a lot of good sometimes!—Eph.6:9.

32. Some parents have really been tough on their young people, hard, cruel & mean, & even if they were right, the kids