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Proper Discipline of the Child

Proverbs 23:13-14 "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."

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"Behold,Iwasshapeniniquity;andinsindidm
58:3"Thewickedareestrangedfromthewomb:they
beborn,speakinglies."

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ymotherconceiveme."Psalm
goastrayassoonasthey

Achildisasinneratbirth.Youneverhavetotea
dosoautomatically.Youhavetoteachthemtodor
bedealtwithwhileitisweak.Thechildmustunde
livebytheirlustsalone.

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Parents,disciplineisastrongformoflovethatg
hastolearnself-control.Proverbs13:24"Hethat
buthethatlovethhimchastenthimbetimes."The
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childrenknowtheycannotthave THEIR OWN WAY.TheB
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sparethhisrodthatethhisson:
wordhere"betimes"means
muststartearly.Babieshaveawill
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ibletellsustodiscipline

Proverbs19:18"Chastenthysonwhilethereishope
forhiscrying."Didyounoticethephrase"whilet
comeatimeforthespirituallyignorantordisobed
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andletnotthysoulspare
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Proverbs22:15"Foolishnessisboundinthehearto
correctionshalldriveitfromhim."Inthesetwov
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staff.Itisliketherodofashepherd.Therodwa
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Bibleletellsustodisciplineconsistentlyandcorre
foreveryinfraction.Sometimesthereisverbalcor
importantrule:Achildshouldneverbetoldmoret
herethechildwilldevelopapatternwithyou.How
parentwillgetthisdone?

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hanonce.Ifyouarenotcareful
farcanwegobeforethe

Achildmustunderstandthatparentalauthorityis
says,"PastorareyousayingIshouldspankmychil
lovethem."

God'sauthority.Someone
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Proverbs3:12"forwhomtheLordlovethhecorrecte
inwhomhedeligheteth."Thepropercorrectionshows

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youloveyourchild.

