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He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 13:24

① Clearly communicate your behavioral expectations

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart. Colossians 3:21

\*ALWAYS BE CLEAR

② Maintain self-control

Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit. Proverbs 25:28
\*NEVER SPANK IN ANGER

3 Go to a private place--correction not humiliation

And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private... Matthew 18:15
\*NEVER SPANK IN PUBLIC

Solicit a confession

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:3

This is best done by asking questions. "An accusation hardens the will, but a question stirs the conscience."

Biblical confession says, "I was wrong, will you please forgive me?"

NOT

"I am sorry, I apologize."

\*ALWAYS BE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS WHY HE IS BEING SPANKED

S Apply the neutral tool to the appropriate area

"Rod" is used 9 times in Proverbs. Seven refer to discipline in the parent/child relationship.

Proverbs 10:13; 13:24; 22:15; 23:13,14; 26:3; 29:15

\*NEVER SPANK ANY PART OF THE BODY OTHER THAN THE BUTTOCKS

6 Do not allow anger-filled crying or screaming

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Psalm 51:17

\*ALWAYS SEEK BROKENNESS

② Seal the reconciliation with affection and prayer

...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4
Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Thy sight. Psalm 51:4

\*ALWAYS END THE DISCIPLINE SESSION WITH EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE