

## DISCIPLINE

*"My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when He corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those He loves..." (Hebrews 12:5-6)*

1. Begin with relationship.  
(Ex 20:1)
2. Remember that discipline affirms relationship.  
(Prov. 3:11-12)
3. Be liberal with praise and reward.  
(Malachi 3:8-12)
4. Warn of consequences.  
(Lev. 26:14-43)
5. Be absolutely committed to carry out your word.  
(Gal. 6:7)
6. Be creative in making the punishment (and the reward!) fit the behavior in order to teach.  
(Haggai 1:2-13)
7. Always reassure and forgive.  
(Lev. 26:44-46)

### **"ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS AND RESOURCES"**

*"The better disciplined a child is, the less discipline will be required."  
(Ross Campbell)*

**"Step-by-Step Discipline"** from James Dobson:

1. Define the boundaries before they are enforced.
2. When defiantly challenged, respond with confident decisiveness.
3. Distinguish between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility.
4. Reassure and teach after the conflict is over.
5. Avoid impossible demands.
6. Let love be your guide.
7. Include forgiveness (yours and God's) in all discipline.