



“He that spares his rod hates his son; but he that loves him chastens him early.” Proverbs 13:24

Current humanistic teaching is opposed to such truth. Their “*truth*” always is in disagreement with divine truth and revelation! The humanist insists that spanking children produces angry and violent adults. Their reasoning is simpleminded and wrong! Such humanistic arguments go something like this, “to spank a god or goddess is to warp his or her basic good nature. Such punishment will alter his or her good and gracious view of life causing him or her to later strike out in a fit of rage.” Their primus is wrong – absolutely! Man is not a god. Children and babies are not little gods – they are not divine in goodness or loving by nature. “Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” (Psalm 51:3). Every person – while created in God’s image is neither divine nor good! “There is none good but God.” (Matthew 19:17). We are born with the sinful genetic code along with the defects of our rebel father Adam and every one of us are in need of redemption and a Redeemer! “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23).

Parental love disciplines because it understands that to withhold discipline is to make the future road for their child harder – especially when their little rebel is faced with the realities of life in the real world! To withhold discipline is also a revealing of the parents own undisciplined nature and their unwillingness to discipline themselves. Discipline is administered not because the child is bothering us or has become an embarrassment to us. The child is disciplined because correction is required to mold and form their character!

Selah.

A brief final thought – spanking is not a beating or abusive – on any level! It is rather, a measured and loving correction, designed to train children. It is a reminder of the pain and consequences of sin and its most certain punishments! (Romans 6:23). Such discipline sets boundaries that afford the child security and say loudly and clearly, “You are my child. You are secure, protected and blessed.” (Hebrews 12:5 – 11).

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