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## LESSON 59: CORRECTIVE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

***Main Idea:** Faithful parenting requires humble, loving, corrective discipline with a view to helping our children strive against sin, come to faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, and prepare them for the discipline the Lord will use to bring about their holiness.*

### **I. Getting the Order Right (1 Peter 4:11)**

### **II. Faithful Parenting Requires Corrective Discipline (Hebrews 12:3-11)**

### **III. The Key Ingredients of Corrective Training**

Christ-centered corrective training refers to *a humble, truthful, loving, and fearless use of words and consequences in a healthy relationship in order to alert our children to their sin according to Scripture, help them see their need for the grace of God in Jesus Christ, and ultimately restore them to a path of righteousness through Jesus Christ for the glory of God.*

#### **A. Humble, truthful, loving, and fearless**

1. Humble and gentle, not proud and harsh (Hebrews 5:1-3)
2. Truthful, not false and deceptive (Ephesians 4:15; 4:25-32)
3. Loving and sacrificial, not angry, cruel, and selfish (James 1:19-20)
4. Fearless and persevering, not avoidant or easily dissuaded (Galatians 6:1-9)

#### **B. Use of words (Ephesians 4:15; Ezekiel 3:17; 33:7; Proverbs 5:1; 6:1, 20; 7:1)**

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C. Use of physical consequences (Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14)

1. Physical redirection – simply picking up a small child to move them away from danger or away from a temptation that appears too great for them in the moment
2. Physical removal of privileges – a 9 year-old son complains about dinner once again and so is dismissed from the table to go to bed hungry.
3. Physical discipline – like a swat or spanking, given in love, given with explanation, given with the goal of stirring confession, seeking restoration, and bringing about reconciliation

D. In a healthy relationship (Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 139; Psalm 50:7-15)

E. Alerting our children to the peril of sin (Deuteronomy 8:11-20; Ezekiel 3:16-21; Isaiah 30:8-14)

F. To help them see their need for Christ (Matthew 11:25-29; Romans 5:18-21)

G. With an aim toward restoration (Matthew 18:10-15; Deuteronomy 8:5-10)

H. For the Glory of God (Luke 15; 1 Samuel 2:29)