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Train Up A Child, Part 2

Parents are absolutely shattered because the Scripture says “beat” your children. It uses the word “beat” in reference to your children. Now you cannot beat your children by our modern definition of this



word. The usage of this word has changed over time, so it is necessary to rescue it, to rethink its definition. Can I help you retrieve the word “beat”? If you go into the kitchen, you beat an egg. Don’t you? You beat that egg, and put it in flour. You’re going to make a cake. What you’re doing is

incorporating that egg into the cake so that you will have something delectable, something delicious to eat that’s going to feed you and cause you to grow. When I punish my children I am incorporating the principles of God’s Word into their life. I am bringing the Word of God to their attention so that they can grow up successfully.

You can also beat gold. Today goldsmiths use computerized beating machines, but in ancient Egypt gold was beaten into fine sheets by laying it on a stone. This gold leaf beautifully adorns any object. Certainly, you are making your children beautiful in spirit when you correct them with God’s Word.

Here is another interesting fact. When you walk on

weeds you beat down a path. In other words, everywhere you step the weeds lie down, submitting to your footprints. When we punish our children, when we correct them, we are laying down a path over which Almighty God can walk. We’re encouraging them to submit to His Word.

The process of husking corn is also called beating. The harvesters beat the corn to remove the husks. They are taking away the impurities and those things that shouldn’t be digested. When you give firm correction to a child, you are helping him identify impurities and eliminate wrong behavior. However, you cannot punish

Around The World



This month Wayne and I have followed in the footsteps of many that have shared the gospel in Peru. We loved it! The hearts of the Peruvians are so

open to truth. At DOMATA Peru we were awestruck at the depth of their knowledge. They have been well taught.

On occasion after we teach, we “open the floor” for questions. Because we are always hesitant to answer questions impromptu, we ask that they be given to us in writing. We usually promise to answer them in the final session. In Peru, it was amazing. We have travelled to many places, but if you asked us, “What is different about Peru?” our response would be they ask great questions, intelligent questions from listening ears. It was wonderful! We are grateful to our Father God for this open door. Thank you Mark and Janet Brazee and Bill and Trish Yanney for this wonderful opportunity.

your children using any method that would bruise or damage their bodies. It's illegal, immoral, and unconscionable. You cannot do it. But there is firm correction as you're led by Almighty God.

I do not believe punishment is necessary when a child spills his milk. Correction is reserved for deliberate disobedience. If I tell my child, "You cannot go to Mark's," but he goes anyway, I need to administer punishment. I must enlarge his vision, "beat down a path" where God can walk, so that the Word of God is incorporated into his spirit and guides his life.

When Joel was a child, I stood him in the corner a lot. Somebody who knows his obedient nature asked me, "Was that necessary?" You know it wasn't. I overdid it. I was so determined that he would be obedient and walk with God that I was not merciful. When we talk about punishment, we have two extremes. Some parents punish for every offence. Others refuse any form of punishment. Somewhere in the middle is the ground of truth, the way of God. I know that as Mom and Dad join hands with God and work in the life of their children, they will avoid these extremes. I know that.

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Around The World, continued



This month also brought us to Family Worship Center in Florence, South Carolina for a prayer conference. This conference was attended by children and teenagers as well

as adults. At the end of one session on prayer, a number of the children came to be filled with the Holy Spirit. What a joy as Pastor Steve and Mrs. Amy ministered to them. As we remember their faces, the only way to express what we saw is, "Wow! What a mighty God!" Although we have taught in other conferences, I do not remember any where the children and teenagers so actively participated.

Thank you for your support as we "come and go" in the name of our Lord. We covet your prayers and we believe all that you give is multiplied to you so that you have "plenty of everything – enough to give to every good work."*

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* 2 Corinthians 9:8, NCV

In The Scriptures

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. (Proverbs 13:24)

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. (Proverbs 19:18)

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15)

¹³Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. ¹⁴Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. (Proverbs 23:13-14)

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. (Proverbs 29:15)

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. (Proverbs 29:17)

On The Web

For photographs and videos from the recent trip to Arequipa, Peru, please visit us on the web.

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The message "Train Up A Child" can be found in its entirety in the series "Family Matters". To obtain your own audio copy, send \$24.00 to the address below. We will send it to you postage paid.