

Discipline

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:12; 13:24; 23:13; 29:15, 17; 15:10

The bible says that to discipline children is very much required. When mistakes done by the children are not corrected by their parents, the children will again repeat the same. (A note to the parents: Do not use abusive words against your children. When you discipline your children treat them in the manner in which you would want others to treat you).

Children usually feel embarrassed when disciplined before others. Their emotions are troubled. A few even go to the extent of foolishly saying that they want to end their life. But the bible says that discipline/correction is very much required for children. I recently read in a news paper about an incident in which a student was caught watching inappropriate videos on his mobile phone. When the teacher took his phone and asked him to call his parents for a meeting, the student threatened the teacher.

As a teacher, I am deeply worried by such negative changes in our society which will ultimately result in the teachers taking no effort to correct and discipline the children. As a result, murder, theft and many such crimes will increase.

In the recent times we have been hearing news about increasing crimes of sexual abuse. This is happening because the ignorance and despise of the bible teachings.

When you do a mistake and your parents, teachers and elders correct you, it does not mean that they hate you. That sows their love towards you. The bible strongly warns against those who hate correction. Such a person will be completely destroyed (Proverbs 15:10; 29:1). Therefore children, be cautious not to hate correction. Wholeheartedly accept when disciplined.

Questions:

1. Why do elders correct?
2. What does the bible warns against them who hate correction?
3. How should we accept correction?