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**ADMINISTERING BIBLICAL ADMONITION  
EPHESIANS 6:4 / GALATIANS 4:1-2**

- I. AN APPROPRIATE SETTING ...JAMES 1:19-20  
A) NO ATTITUDE B) NO AUDIENCE
- II. AN ASSESSMENT OF WRONG-DOING ...GENESIS 3:9-13  
A) ASK WHAT NOT WHY B) ALLOW EXPLANATION NOT EXCUSE
- III. AN ASSURANCE OF LOVE ...HEBREWS 12:6 / PROVERBS 13:24  
A) LOVE IS CHASTENING B) LOVE SINNER NOT SIN ...ROMANS 5:8
- IV. ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE (NOT ALWAYS SPANKING) ...EPHESIANS 6:4 / IITIMOTHY 3:15-17  
A) PROCEDURAL (NO EMOTION) B) PROPER (NO OVERKILL) ...PROVERBS 23:13-14
- V. AN AFFIRMATION OF HOPE ...JEREMIAH 29:11 / MARK 11:25-26  
A. NO GUILT B) NO GRUDGE

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### WORLDLY VIEWPOINT - REFLECTS EXPERIENCE

### DISREGARDS HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### Health and behavior

# Study: Spare the rod, improve the child

By Karen S. Peterson  
USA TODAY

A report out Sunday is the second major study within two weeks to condemn the practice of spanking children. But other experts raise questions and continue to debate the controversial discipline technique used in many American homes.

The latest study, presented at a Denver conference, gives an optimistic assessment of the effects of not spanking youngsters.

Children who are not spanked tend to be better behaved and do better in school, grow up to have better marriages, earn more money and live better lives, according to Murray Straus of the Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire. Straus summed up 50 years of research on the effectiveness and side effects of spanking. That mass of research indicates agreement among professionals on two things, he said in a statement released pri-

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— Murray Straus,  
University of  
New Hampshire

or to the conference:

► Spanking is not the most effective method of discipline. "Although spanking works, it does not work better than other methods of correcting and teaching kids."

► Spanking has harmful side effects. It increases "the chance that a child will become rebellious or depressed." These side effects may take years to show up, he says.

"Lots of people are worried that if parents never spanked, the result

would be kids running wild, higher rates of delinquency, and when they grow up, more crime," he says. "Actually, what the research shows is just the opposite."

Toddlers and young children who are not spanked tend to have faster mental development, do better in school and have a better chance of graduating from college, he says. They also hit other children less and grow up to be parents who tend not to spank.

The earlier comprehensive report also was critical of spanking but found that it changes behavior. The child complies with the parent's wishes, said a study in the July issue of the *Psychological Bulletin* from the American Psychological Association. But the researcher also found 10 negatives linked with spanking that outweigh the fact the child stops misbehaving, including increased aggression and antisocial behavior. The practice also does not teach a child right from wrong.

Not all children who are spanked

turn out to be aggressive or delinquent, wrote Elizabeth Thompson Gershoff, a researcher and psychologist at Columbia University. Many factors can moderate the punishment, such as how well the parent and child get along. Studying the effects of spanking is difficult because parents differ in how often they spank, how vigorously they do it, how emotionally aroused they are when they spank, and how accurately they report such factors.

Gershoff evaluated 88 studies done over 62 years on corporal punishment by parents.

Experts differ on even the definition of spanking, but they worry that any suggestion that it might be acceptable in the mildest of forms might lead to child abuse.

Gershoff's analysis in the bulletin was accompanied by commentary from other psychologists. One team wrote that mild to moderate spanking can be effective and used safely by parents who know not to cross the line to child abuse.

THE TRUTH IS....

DISCIPLINING YOUR CHILD ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

PREVENTS CHILD ABUSE AND PRODUCES A WELL ADJUSTED,

AND MATURE ADULT.

THE FACT IS....

MOST CHRISTIAN PARENTS DO NOT DISCIPLINE THEIR CHILDREN

ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION !