



## The Art of Discipline

Top 10 characteristics of great parents:

1. They prayed like crazy!
2. They had fewer rules than average!
3. They realized rules without relationship equal rebellion.
4. They were not afraid of their kids!
5. They helped their children discover their unique talents and didn't impose theirs!
6. They avoided sarcasm!
7. They prioritized relationships over experiences!
8. Their house was the hub!
9. They focused on spiritual transformation over behavior modification.
10. They did ministry with them!

Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)

*Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.*

### 1. Make discipline a teaching moment more than a punishing moment.

- There is a difference between correction, punishment and discipline. (Ephesians 6:4)
- At the heart of discipline should be discipleship.

### 2. Make honor a priority in your home! (Exodus 20:12; Romans 12:10)

- Honor, not obedience, is at the heart of all great relationships.
- Without honor you will never have enough rules!

### 3. Make sure “dishonoring” behavior is met with discipline. (Proverbs 20:20; 22:15)

Dishonoring behavior: dishonesty, disrespect, disobedience

- Failure to discipline is actually dishonoring and deadly. (Proverbs 13:24)
- If you ignore dishonoring behavior you reward it, and what gets rewarded gets repeated!

### 4. Make sure discipline has a goal.

- Goal of discipline is restoration of relationship.

Discipline takes:

1. A goal.
2. Patience.
3. An apology and an opportunity!
4. Creativity.