

God's Plan for Your Home to be Awesome
Raising Kids with Character

Reactive/Corrective Discipline

1. Respect the age of your child. If you use corporal discipline, never sooner than one year old and not later than eight to ten years old. They will change as they mature and so should the discipline.
2. Ensure the discipline fits the offense (don't under or overdo it).
3. Take into account the circumstances but don't excuse behaviour. Ask yourself: Were they provoked? Are they tired? Did we set up the situation?
4. Be consistent. Always follow through on rules and warnings.
5. Remember the goal: not primarily to punish, but to bring repentance (a turn away from the wrong behaviour). The goal is heart change rather than compliance.
6. Always discipline in private or discreetly.
7. Know your child. They are not all the same and shouldn't receive the same kind of discipline. Learn how they respond to discipline.
8. Ensure they know what they did wrong.
9. Take immediate action. None of the "wait till your father gets home" stuff.
10. Always affirm your love. Pray and read Scriptures together.

