

Summer Lovin' - Part 6 Deeping Our Relationships

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." **Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)**

God is the perfect parent.

Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. **Matthew 5:48 (NIV)**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He knows how we are formed. **Psalms 103:13-14a (NIV)**

The Results of Engagement:

1. You will start to understand your kids.

Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding. **Proverbs 24:3 (GN)**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **James 1:5 (NIV)**

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)**

A person of great understanding is patient... **Proverbs 14:29a (GW)**

2. You will learn to discipline your kids.

because the Lord disciplines the one He loves, **Hebrews 12:6a (NIV)**

The Bible Says If I Do Not Discipline My Kids Then Two Things Are True:

1. It proves that I really don't love my kids.

If you refuse to discipline your son it proves you don't love him... **Proverbs 13:24a (LB)**

2. It shows that I'm participating in their destruction.

Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't you're helping them destroy themselves. **Proverbs 19:18 (GNT)**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Romans 8:1 (NIV)**

What is the difference between punishment and discipline?

- The purpose of Punishment is to inflict penalty.
- The purpose of Discipline is to promote growth.
- The focus of Punishment is on the past.
- The focus of Discipline is on the future.
- The attitude of the parent in punishment is anger.
- The motivation behind discipline is an attitude of love.
- The result of punishment is always fear, guilt and more anger.
- The result of discipline is security.