

What About The Spanking Of Our Children?

By Mike Riley

This writer grew up in a time (1940's and 1950's) when spanking was considered one of the standard methods for disciplining and correcting a child's behavior. It was not considered abusive in any sense of the word. However, for the past twenty to thirty years, so-called child psychology "experts" have been telling us that spanking is harmful, that it teaches children to use violence as the solution to all problems, and will eventually lead to child abuse. The question is, "Does it?"

Dr. Robert E. Larzelere, Associate Professor of Psychology at Oklahoma State University, concludes through a thorough study of this subject, that the above claims are incorrect. Through his study, he found that children who are spanked, do not become more aggressive, and that parents who never spank their children may actually be more prone to child abuse than those who do, because the mounting tension in the child is never released until it explodes in a violent rage.

Through his research on the subject, Dr. Larzelere believes that spanking should be of limited severity, and should be used in conjunction with other disciplinary methods and positive parenting techniques.

Once again, the wisdom of the Proverb writer Solomon proves true, as he states:

"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly [early] (Proverbs 13:24).

"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, But the rod of correction will drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15).

Brethren and friends, my father spanked me on my behind several times when I was growing up (and I deserved every one of them!), in order to get my attention and correct my obstinate and rebellious behavior.

I am living proof that what the Proverb writer wrote in Proverbs 23:13 is indeed true, because I'm not only still alive today, as a result of those spankings my father gave me, I'm a much better person, spiritually and morally speaking because of those spankings. I realize that he truly loved me and had my best interests at heart, and I highly respect him because of his care and concern for me (cf. Hebrews 12:5-11; Psalm 119:75).

If we truly love our children, we won't hesitate to administer immediate and effective discipline when required (Ecclesiastes 8:11; cf. Psalm 50:16-22; Isaiah 26:10), and that includes spanking .



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

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Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- David Reppond **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell

March 13th

Announcements- Todd Chapman **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer or online at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com.

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** Tonight will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Men's Retreat:** The Naff Avenue Church of Christ is hosting a Men's Retreat on March 18-20. Please see the flyer in the Lobby for more details.



Please Pray For:

James Johnson, Billy Granger, Bettye Flowers, Leah & Tracy DeWitt, Jordan North, Deb McInturff, Debbie Cook, Joanne Randolph, Frank & John McDaniel, Dustin Jordan, Lori McDonald, Katherine Hebert, Trey Havens.

Bereaved: Families of John DeHart, Clyde Wilson, Sharon Simpson.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Trey Jennings, Debbie Walker, Virginia Royal, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



March Birthdays

8 - Miriam Russell
18 - Billy Granger
18 - Lyle Russell
21 - Sadie Kate Scharf
25 - Ashley Dalrymple
25 - Nelia Chapman
29 - Sharon White-Ross
29 - Chellie Wells

March anniversaries

9 - Tommy & Glenda Wells

