

# Reaching the Heart of Your Child

## Session Three

### The Bottom Line: The biblical Use of the Rod

- I. Defining the Rod
  - “A parent, in faith toward God and faithfulness toward his or her children, undertaking the responsibility of careful, timely, measured, and controlled use of physical punishment to underscore the importance of obeying God, thus rescuing the child from continuing in his foolishness unto death.” --Tedd Tripp
  
- II. Worldly Methods / Deceptive Philosophies
  - A. Bribing (Prov. 14:12)
  - B. Threatening (Matt. 5:37)
  - C. Appealing to emotions (John 12:43)
  - D. Manipulating environment (Titus 2:12)
  - E. Reasoning (Col. 2:8)
  
- III. Biblical Reasons for Using the Rod
  - A. Demonstrates faithfulness to God (Deut. 11:1)
  - B. Demonstrates faithfulness to children (Prov. 23:13-14)
  - C. To impart wisdom (Prov. 29:15)
  
- IV. Ineffective Spanking
  - A. Lack of consistency
  - B. Lack of persistence
  - C. Lack of effectiveness
  - D. Lack of righteousness
  
- V. Biblical Discipline
  - A. All the way
  - B. Right away
  - C. With a joyful heart

- VI. Inappropriate Uses of the Rod
  - A. Childish behavior
  - B. Inability to perform
  - C. Accidents
  - D. Before having facts (Prov. 18:13)
  - E. While sinfully angry
  
- VII. Appropriate Uses of the Rod
  - A. Direct Disobedience (Col. 3:20)
  - B. Defiant Attitudes (Phil. 2:14)
  
- VIII. Guidelines for Administering Biblical Chastisement
  - A. Discuss child's wrong-doing and parental responsibility
  - B. Guide child in thinking through what he *should have* done instead
  - C. Use proper instrument
  - D. Spank as promptly after the offense as possible
  - E. Administer spanking in private
  - F. Spank proper area
  - G. Have time of reconciliation
  - H. Require child to make restitution
  - I. Be consistent

