

**Board of Education/Seat of Knowledge
Proverbs 23**

I wonder how the Ten Commandments appear to children?

Do they see the God
of the Bible being honored as stated
by the first three commandments
in the lives of their parents?

Do they understand what it means
not to take the
name of the Lord in vain?

Have they seen their parents
keep the Sabbath day holy...
a day of rest?

Do they understand what it
means to honor their
father and mother?

Have they been taught
the meaning of:
no murder, no adultery
no lying, no coveting,
no stealing?

Have the Ten Commandments
become a faded memory in
Christian homes today?

Or,
do they appear more like
ten suggestions?

It would be hard to exercise
discipline in the home
if the standards are not
absolute....
shifting sand rather than
solid rock.

If your family standards are
absolute, then...
you will be in a much better position to apply the
principles of Proverbs 23

The key to bringing together
absolutes and discipline is
good communication.
“Rich, full communication...”
as Tedd Tripp calls it.

**Communication is dialogue
not monologue
Communicate with your children
not to them.**

*Listen to your father, who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when
she is old.
Proverbs 23:22*

*My son, give me your heart
and let your eyes keep to my ways...
Proverbs 23:26*

*Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you punish him
with a rod he will not die.
Proverbs 23:13*

*My son, if your heart is wise...
Do not let your heart envy sinners,
but always be zealous for the
fear of the Lord.
Proverbs 23:14ff*

Two Principles of Biblical Discipline

- 1) The fear of the Lord factor
helps cancel out the
fear of man factor.
- 2) Discipline should always be done
 - a) with controlled anger
 - b) with a loving and restorative heart.