

ALL IN THE FAMILY: RAISING KIDS II

PSALM 103:13-14

From last week:

Simple secret: ***treat your kids the way God treats you.***

Three things parents need to do:

- Understand our Children
- Accept our Children
- Express love to our Children

Psalm 103:13-14 (NLT):

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he understands how weak we are; he knows we are only dust.

Proverbs 19:18 (NLT):

Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives.

Two things to model our parenting after God's parenting:

Discipline our children

Be consistent with our children

Proverbs 13:24 (NLT):

If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them... ..

Focus on "Discipline": [Not "punishment"]

The purpose of *discipline* is **to promote growth, not be reparations.**

The focus of *discipline* is **on the future, not the past.**

The motivation behind *discipline* is **love, not anger.**

The result of *discipline* is **security, not fear, guilt or more anger.**

Three things to keep in mind about discipline:

Calmly

quickly - don't say "wait until your mom/dad gets home" cuz: 1. not quick & 2. both parents should have equal involvement in discipline

sparingly - choose your battles

Psalms 145:17 (NLT):

The LORD is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness.

"Righteous" means **fair.**

Suggestions for consistent parenting:

As parents, don't imply perfection

Keep your promises

Be consistent with your actions and what you say