

# “Why Does God Correct His Children?”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series about God’s correction. This particular study was titled “Why Does God Correct His Children?”

The presentation was separated into three main sections.

- A loving father corrects his children.
- Why were you born?
- Why were you called?

## **Scriptures from Proverbs**

At first glance, these scriptures from the book of Proverbs could be viewed as “how” a father corrects, but I intentionally chose them for “why” a father corrects.

For the record, there is a side benefit about looking at these verses—which is that Bible students need to be careful to avoid taking the English words of the Bible literally. Let me show you what I mean.

(Some of these verses mention using a “rod” on a child. Here is an example of using wisdom in applying the spiritual principles in your life.)

Notice the principles—that are motivated by love.

- Proverbs 13:24—A loving father disciplines his child promptly.
- Proverbs 19:18—A loving father disciplines his child with a perspective of hope, not destruction.
- Proverbs 22:6—A loving father begins teaching early in the life of the child.
- Proverbs 22:15—A loving father seeks to reduce the amount of a child’s foolishness.
- Proverbs 23:13-14—A loving father does not withhold correction.
- Proverbs 29:15—A loving father provides direction.
- Proverbs 29:17—A loving father helps with a course correction.

## Reason for our birth

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- Psalm 8:3-9—David considered the creation and recognized God's love.
- Hebrews 2:6-10—The book of Hebrews expanded upon those verses in Psalms and realized that the Father is bringing many sons to glory.

## Reason for our calling

When a person understands the reason for his calling, he better comprehends the Father's love in correcting him.

- Romans 8:14-17—As children of God, we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Christ.
- Hebrews 12:5-11—Children of God understand that their Father's correction may be uncomfortable, but it is also valuable—because He wants them to be happy and successful.
- 1 John 3:1-2—Children of God want to be like their Father, so they appreciate His correction.