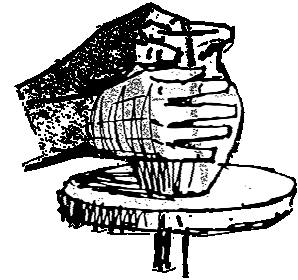


His Workmanship: Westside

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

—Ephesians 2:10



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Isaiah 64:8

The Mocking of the Messiah, by Terry Slack

For those of us who were adults in the 70's and 80's, the name Ted Bundy conjures up a variety of thoughts—none pleasant. As a serial kidnapper and killer, Bundy's crimes turn even the strongest of stomachs. After years of eluding law enforcement, he was eventually captured in Florida in 1978 and convicted for the murders of 3 young women. Sentenced to death, the appeals would last for years before Bundy was finally executed in Florida's electric chair in January 1989.

Outside the prison gathered the typical group of folks protesting the death penalty, some carrying signs proclaiming it was unbiblical. Though that contingent bothered me, there was another group I found even more troubling. In a field across the road from the prison were gathered more than 2000, some of whom professed a connection to Jesus. These had come for a very different reason. They sang, danced, and even set off fireworks in delight at the moment of Bundy's execution. As the hearse carried the body away from the prison, these same revelers cheered loudly in celebration.

Did Ted Bundy deserve to die for his crimes? Of course. Does the Bible teach that the government has the

authority to carry out such executions? Yes, Rm 13:4. Was I repulsed by the actions of those who chose to revel in his death? Yes, I was. Justice was being served, but there was no cause to celebrate the end of Bundy's life—surely death was enough.

If I was appalled by such actions toward a guilty man, surely there must be even greater disgust when similar brutality is demonstrated toward a man who is totally innocent.

The gospels reveal such a scene at a place called Golgotha. After years of hatred and hostility, the religious leaders had finally achieved their objective. They were about to eliminate the itinerant rabbi they believed to pose such a threat to their power and position. Under compulsion, the Roman governor sentenced Jesus of Nazareth to die by crucifixion. When we consider the barbarity and the horrible agony involved, how could anyone ever think of it as a time for mockery? But for many, the cross was a joke, and Jesus would be the recipient of their derision. Having stripped Him of His freedom, His rights, His friends and His clothing, they now sought to strip the sinless Jesus of any dignity that remained.

The gospel writers say very little

about the crucifixion itself. In fact, their extreme restraint is evidenced in just four English words: "There they crucified Him," Lk 23:33. But while they say nothing specific about the procedure itself, they reveal much regarding the *attitudes* of those there. Achieving their objective of getting rid of Jesus (after all, no one survived crucifixion) and witnessing such horrible anguish (this was not a "humane" death by lethal injection), they could have left Jesus to die. But **four groups** did not consider death to be enough, Lk 23:33-39. Instead, they were intent on inflicting even greater suffering.

Both Matthew and Mark reveal the **passers-by** taunted Jesus, "Save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" Mt 27:40. Some of these may well have been healed by Jesus at some point during His ministry or eaten from the few loaves and a couple of fish miraculously provided along the shore of Galilee. No doubt many had heard Him preach and witnessed His compassion. Now as they watched Him fight for every breath, they repaid His kindness with sarcasm and scorn.

The **religious leaders** were "sneer-
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“He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!” Psalm 22:8

ing at Him” with a similar declaration: “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One,” in fulfillment of the prophecy in Ps 22. They derided Him by way of two Messianic titles, relishing the fact they had vanquished what was, in their minds, a phony king!

The **soldiers** joined in, Lk 23:36-38. Though they knew little of Jewish theology, they followed the merciless insults, taunting Him to “save Himself.” They added their scornful offers of sour wine as they pretended to “serve” Him as mock courtiers for Israel’s alleged “monarch.” “*And sitting down they watched him there,*” Mt 27:46.

Finally, the **thieves** who were crucified with Him mocked Him, Lk 23:39. Matthew and Mark record that initially both men were casting similar insults. Even those on the lowest rung of hu-

man society, those who were in the process of dying themselves, played the same cruel game of ridicule.

Considering the brutal nature of crucifixion, we might think that such a horrific death was enough. Instead, those at the cross added insult to injury as they treated Him with as much disdain as they could muster. In their minds it was utterly absurd that this man would claim to be a king! This was blasphemy without equal, evil in its very lowest form as they mocked deity, ridiculing the very Son of God with one sarcastic taunt after another. They couldn’t have done more to offend a righteous God. After all, Jesus was the *only* truly innocent person present! If ever there was a time when divine justice was demanded, surely this was it! See Ps 2.

Yet judgment fell, not on them, but

on Jesus. The wrath that should have crushed them instead crushed Him. He willingly bore both their insults—and their sin! What cruelty would be required to witness a fellow human experiencing such incredible agony, yet delightfully engage in such merciless ridicule? And what love would it demand to refuse their scornful suggestions “Save Yourself!” in order to be able to save them instead?

Would my voice have been heard among the mockers? Would those same vicious taunts have fallen from my lips? The mere thought of such brutality sickens me. Surely I wouldn’t have done that! Or would I? What I can know is that He endured the agony of the cross and the anguish of their taunts so He could save me—and anyone else who bows in humble submission to God’s crucified King.

Spanking: Discipline, not Punishment, *from p. 4*

ment equates a lack of discipline as proof that a child is not loved by his parents. Parents who don’t express their love for their children by careful and attentive discipline are rebuked in scripture for their negligent parenting. If you’re a parent, you should know what the Bible teaches about discipline. You can start by reading through all the verses in the Bible on child discipline and posting them. You should be encouraged that God could cover the topic in just 47 verses! There are more verses on money (100 verses) and hell (100 verses) than there are on disciplining children. Spend time praying on your knees asking God for wisdom, and follow the authority of the Bible!

VERSES: Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; 6:7-8; 21:18-21; Ps 127:3; Pr 1:1-33; 3:11-12; 6:23; 10:17; 12:1; 13:1, 24; 15:5, 32; 19:18; 20:30; 22:6, 15; 23:13-15; 29:15, 17; Eccl 8:11; Jn 3:16; Rm 16:17; Gal 6:1; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:21; 2 Thes 3:14-15; Heb 5:8; 12:5-11; Jas 1:5-7; 5:16; 1 Pet 3:13; 2 Pet 1:5-

8; Rev 3:19. God promises blessings for parents who properly train their children, Pr 10:1a; 23:24 & 25; 29:17; 31:28. God also warns of cursing for parents who don’t, Pr 10:1b; 17:21; 29:15. **Punishment vs. Discipline.** For parents who do choose to spank, the proper philosophy and approach is most important. As with all forms of correction, the concepts of punishment and discipline are absolute opposites. Punishment is motivated by anger, focuses on the past, and results in either compliance (due to fear) or rebellion and feelings of shame, guilt, and/or hostility. On the other hand, discipline is motivated by love for the child, focuses on the future, and results in obedience and feelings of security. This is because the term discipline derives from the root word “disciple” which means “to teach.” Parents have an ongoing opportunity and responsibility to teach our children how to love well and live life effectively

and healthfully. What we want children to understand is that the gentle sting of a spanking is connected to the greater and often long-term pain of harmful choices.

Simply put, prevention is easier than cure. A child should always receive a clear warning before any offense that might merit a spanking and understand why he is receiving this disciplinary action. If she deliberately disobeys, she should be informed of the upcoming spanking and escorted to a private area. The spanking should be lovingly administered in a clear and consistent manner. Afterward, the lesson should be gently reiterated so that the child understands and learns from this teachable experience. Police detective Robert Surgenor argues that refraining from spanking young children leads to dangerous defiance later in adolescence. “*The non-spanking advocate will attempt to refer to the rod [used in the Bible] meaning a stick or a staff, such as used by*

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Psalm 133:1

Let your faith be seen in 2014
 "I rejoice to see your good order
 and the steadfastness of your faith
 in Christ." —Colossians 2:5

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shepherds. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame," Pr 29:15. Now, let's be fair. If the rod means loving guidance as the non-spanking advocate suggests, where does the word reproof fit in? ...the reproof is verbal and the rod is physical. God would not have mentioned both words in the same verse if they meant the same thing." Both are needed. Wooden paint paddles (free at hardware stores) for toddlers are an appropriate "rod." Bad parenting is its own punishment. Inattentive and lazy parents who let their children choose their own way regret their children's choices. The object of discipline is to change the child's attitude by giving him a foretaste of the potential terror and pain of eternal separation from God, which naturally results from rebellious disobedience.

Rules for discipline.

1. God gives parents the authority to discipline their children. No state, no school, no church has this right to usurp this authority except and unless the children are in some physical or emotional danger of abuse.
2. Parents are to use corporal spanking on unruly, rebellious children, Pr 13:24; etc. But learn to vary the method of discipline, using spanking as a last resort.
3. Spanking must be done only in love. Always make sure to show love and acceptance of the child physically: hug, pray together, and ask God to bless your relationship. A child needs to know that you love him before you discipline him, that you disciplined him because you love him, and now that it is over, you will love him always. This is the Bible message to all sinners.
4. The child must know the rules. Make rules clear beforehand.
5. Both parents are responsible. Never say "Wait until your father gets home." Discipline should be swift and sure.
6. Make discipline age-appropriate. Spanking is appropriate in early years; by age 13 a child should have learned respect for rights

Discipleship Here At Home

4th Quarter Sunday Afternoon Schedule

- 10/ 5 – Fruit of the Spirit (Westin, Kory)
- 10/11-12 – Forrest McMurray lectures
- 10/19 – Fruit of the Spirit (Westin, Kory)
- 10/26 – Questions answered*
- 11/2 - Singing
- 11/9 – Living Like Christ class
- 11/16 - Living Like Christ class
- 11/23 - Questions answered*
- 11/30 - Singing
- 12/7 - Living Like Christ class
- 12/14 - Living Like Christ class
- 12/21- Questions answered*
- 12/28 - Singing

* Please submit any questions you have about scripture, religion, or any other spiritual matters to DeWayne Howell for discussion and answers.

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Rejoice Sandra Hampton, daughter of the **Reameses**, has returned to the Lord, and she needs prayer for her strength and her family's protection

Travel Pat Campbell is in VT until Tues. The **Corrays** are in Glenwood Springs. Campers at Moab: **DeWayne, Caleb, Ethan Howell; Brett & Kaysha Witherington; Patricia Ward; Westin, Forrest, & River Cox; Joel Walker; Greg Geiss; Kenny & Nicolas Boyd; Heather Mailloux** of others, authority, honesty, harmony,

Gospel seminar meeting here Oct 11-12 with Forrest McMurray.
 Sat, 10/11, 9:45 am class; Howells' home
 Sun, 10/12, 9 am, class
 Sun, 10/12, 10 am, sermon
 Sun, 10/12, 1:30 pm, sermon
 Sun, 10/12, 5 pm, Q&A, Reingrovers' home

patience, self-control, the value of study and work, concern for others, personal contentment and the need to surrender to God's will for the ultimate happiness of life.

PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

Christine Adams—broke ankle in 2 places, surgery for 14 pins & plate 10/2; homebound 6 weeks see **Judy Sartin** to co-ordinate meals

Virginia Menard—fell and injured knee

Bill Dennis—adjusting pacemaker and meds

Giles Free—seizure from fall; confined at home, no driving for a few mos; scheduled for scan

Pat Wilkes—recovering from knee surgery; pain

Ed Fink—prostate cancer; current treatment for brain tumors. Undergoing chemo this month.

Irene Robinson, Mina Gonzalez's friend of Fulton church—husband **Clay, Sr.**, stomach cancer; son **Joe**, needs colon surgery;

grandsons **Joey** and **Mike, Jr.**, legal problems; and son **Clay, Jr.**, needs resolution of long-standing domestic difficulties

Sylvia Chapman, Brett's grandmother—diagnosed with cancer last week; chemo; to have metal stent inserted tomorrow

Judy Sartin's cousin, **Lynne James**—cancer - free after double mastectomy; her son, **Dave**

Sartin—colitis and severe depression

Judy Sartin's friends—**Vicky Keyes**, cancer spread after mastectomy, discouraged; **Summer Jensen**, multiple tumors, cysts on both kidneys

Noah Hadders's friend—eye surgery

Sandra Perry's daughter's boyfriend, **Donald Redden**—gangrene from diabetes

Sharon Rupinen, Sandra Perry's sister—heart

Kay Ransom's mother, **Zona**—COPD

Brittany Tope's grandmother—dialysis

Andrea Arvola (in FL), **Justin Hambrick**, and **Gary Boyd**—spiritual strength

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Logan Corray; Addison Tope; Christian

Harrod; Rocco Jr; Pat Wilkes—asthma

Nell Free—pacemaker, heart; back pain

Autumn Hadders—epilepsy; celiac disease

Jonathan Hadders—rheumatoid arthritis

Danielle Huelsman—vertigo, CV syndrome

Hannah Huelsman—polycythemia, thickening of blood; and acid reflux

Kirk Johnson—MS

Menards—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, weak;

Virginia, macular degeneration; high BP

Sandra Perry—neuropathy from diabetes

Cheryl Reames—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia

Judy Sartin—spinal stenosis; arthritis

Judy and Mike Strand—hepatitis treatment

Lynda Szymanski—COPD, lung weakness



Exposing current thoughts & trends

Spanking as a Tool for Discipline, by Richard Fugate, et. al.

"Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate," Ps 127:3-5. Parental failure is more easily defined than success. It is always sad to see a family torn by divorce or children rebel against the family. The first sign of success in parenting is that we know that much of the boldness in sharing our faith comes from knowing that God has been faithful in our family. When it comes to sharing the gospel with others, the state of our own family is vital! Our children share our faith and are not ashamed to tell about Jesus to their own friends. One of the key signs of successful parenting is the transmission of a vibrant faith in God from parents to children.

A second sign of success in parenting is the establishment of a warm fellowship between parents and children that continues after the children leave home to begin life as adults. Parents have a mentorship responsibility for their adult children even after they've left home. Children reared under the influence of spiritual leadership and sound Biblical teachings willingly seek continued advice and influence from their parents. It is a sign of wisdom and maturity for young adults to seek the advice and counsel of their parents when facing important decisions. Successful parenting leads to a family unit that spans multiple generations based on respect and admiration for God's work in each succeeding generation.

The topic of spanking is controversial among Christians only because there has been a determined siege against the institution of the family by secular progressives. Parental authority is a major obstacle to the progressive social agenda. Liberals want the state to take the supreme place of authority over both parents and children. Liberals strongly resist any idea or practice that undermines their ability to influence the nature and character of future citizens of the state. Progressives desire to neutralize parental authority because they don't trust parents to make the right decisions in training their children. Weak parents are more easily molded and influenced by the leaders of a strong statist government. When parents lose influence and authority over their children, the agents of the state gain more freedom to teach and train children to conform to liberal ideas and goals which the statist believes will lead to a utopian paradise on earth.

Liberals believe that spanking is an archaic practice that is not needed for effective parenting. However, because the Bible clearly teaches that corporal punishment is mandated tool for parental practice, we should not be influenced to give it up. We should also closely examine the track record of the humanistic teachers who reject the authority of the Bible. It is much better to go to the Word of God for wisdom than to accept the teaching of so-called "experts" who exercise an anti-parent ideological agenda.

There are approximately 47 verses in the Bible that address the subject of discipline. They are in both Old and New Testaments. The New Testa-

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Sunday

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| Bible classes | 9:00 am |
| Morning assembly | 10:00 am |
| Afternoon assembly | 1:30 pm |

Wednesday

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| Bible classes | 7:30 pm |
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Sunday morning

- **adult Bible class**, *Lessons from Deuteronomy*, "Loving God through God's Law," Larry Campbell

- **Sermon**, September **Making Decisions** series: "The Role of Prayer," Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon

- **Sermon**, "The Fruit of the Spirit Is... Meekness," Randy Reames

Discipleship class begins next Sunday morning. Studies from Ezekiel begin Wednesday night. Get materials for both classes from website under "Member Files."