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## Tough Love

Proverbs 23:12-15

August 13, 2017

Sermon Series: Proverbs: Wisdom for the Family

**The Big Question:** Do you love your children enough to discipline them?

1. Discipline yourself.
2. Teach your children right.
3. Turn your children from wrong.
4. Celebrate Success.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **LifeGroup Discussion**

Date: August 20, 2017

### **Proverbs 23:12-15**

1. We often read Proverbs 23:13 through a shocked lens. The idea of striking a kid with a rod and speaking of death seems harsh. Even though the words sound harsher than we are used to hearing, what wisdom can we glean from this verse?
2. Pastor Craig talked last Sunday about the importance of first disciplining yourself as a parent. Why is self-discipline important part of loving and raising children well?
3. The question from last Sunday was, "Do you love your children enough to discipline them?" Read Proverbs 13:24. How does love relate to discipline?
4. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. If children are responsible to obey their parents, what is the responsibility of parents? In what ways do children learn about God's love by experiencing the love and discipline of their earthly parents?
5. Most of these verses are geared toward parents who still have children in their home or under their care. How can parents continue to minister effectively to adult children who are not following the Lord?
6. According to Proverbs 23:14, what is one of the results of disciplining your children? How might a parent's discipline affect their children's view of God's love?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Proverbs 29:17. How does a disciplined son give rest to his parents?