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Children have always been mischievous; it could be called the Adam and Eve syndrome. A child waits until he thinks adults are not looking then does what he has been told not to do. That is human nature and it is not going to change.

How should parents handle an incident when their child is caught in the act of doing something they have been told not to do? The answer to that question lies in the literal meaning of the word “discipline,” which is to create a disciple. From that point of view, discipline is a process by which parents transform a willful child into a willing disciple. This is accomplished not by manipulating consequences, but by providing the child with effective leadership.