**Simple Plan for Child Rearing**

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1. **Encourage a lot**- The child who is encouraged as well as corrected consistently can tell the difference between right and wrong (Rom 13:7).
2. **Play a lot**- While we as adults must be firm, life has many problems and they need to see us work and play, laugh and be serious, taking enough personal interest to play their games with them (Prov 17:22).
3. **Pray a lot**- We need God’s help. Talk to Him much about them (James 1:5).
4. **Teach a lot**- Ephesians 6:4 “Instruction” = putting into the mind; building inner convictions
5. **Use cause and effect a lot** (for correction)- This is the most natural way of learning that actions have results (Gal 6:7).
6. When you do spank, do it lovingly, slowly, prayerfully, and thoroughly so you do not do it often.