**Understanding the Difference Between**

**Crucifixion and Discipline**

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Job 33:16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction

Job 36:10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

What makes discipline possible?

Crucifixion makes discipline possible.

Crucifixion restores perverted appetites to normal, natural, healthy affections.

Crucifixion is a one-time experience that need not be repeated in life. It is a completed death.  Note the terminology of Scripture:

*Dead to sin, have crucified the flesh, I am crucified, you are dead, etc.*

These describe a fact accomplished.

Crucifixion is experienced when the believer by faith accepts the provision of Christ’s death. When faith is exercised the Spirit affects in the believer this unearned blessing of grace.

By crucifixion the body is delivered “from” the old master—sin.

Crucifixion deals with the old man and a body that is enslaved to sin. The Spirit applies the atonement provision and breaks the hold (addictions) that sin has on the body.

In crucifixion one dies to the flesh. Flesh is crucified as a ruling principle and the Spirit is enthroned as ruler.

**Scriptures:**

Romans 6:1-12; 7:1-6; Galatians 2:19-20; 5:24; Colossians 2:20-3:3; 1 Peter 4:1-3.

**Crucifixion**

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**Scriptures:**

Romans 6:13:23; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 15:31-32; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. Ephesians 4:22-32.

In discipline one dies in the flesh. Flesh is disciplined as a servant. The Spirit guides and produces the fruit of temperance.

Discipline deals with the new man and a body that is weakened by sin. The Spirit quickens the mortal body helping the believer obey God and develop habits of holiness.

By discipline the body is delivered “to” the new master—Christ.

Discipline is accomplished by daily obedience to the Spirit and application of Scripture truth. The Spirit helps the saint in the discipline process, but does not do it for him. The saint must practice daily yielding and buffeting the body.

Discipline is a daily process and habit that must be repeated daily. It is a living death. Note the terminology of Scripture:

*A living sacrifice, yield your members, I die daily, always bearing in the body the dying of the Lord, etc.*

These describe a lifestyle practiced.

Discipline tempers natural, normal appetites and prevents the flesh from resurrecting and ruling.

Discipline makes crucifixion fruitful.

1: Always Act In Love

2: Never Punish When You Are Angry Or Not In Control Of Yourself

3: Explain Why The Punishment Is Being Given And How It Can Be Avoided In The Future

4: Explain Why The Action That Led To The Punishment Is Not Acceptable, And Show Your Child How That Action Is Not In The Child’s Best Interest when God is displeased.

5: Always Make The Punishment ‘Age Appropriate’.

6: Use Spanking And Never Be Cruel In Your Choice Of Punishments

7: Be Consistent In Your Expectations and Consequences

8: Don’t Punish A Child If They Didn’t Know Their Action Was Wrong; Teach Them Instead

9: Never Punish A Child For Doing Something That You Do Yourself. You Must Always Lead By Example

10: Don’t Act Happy That A Child Needs To Be Punished. Express Your Regret And Empathize With Your Child

11: Help Your Child ‘Learn The Lesson’ Behind The Punishment So They Can Avoid The Same Mistake In The Future

12: Always Show And Express Your Love And Devotion To Your Child Following A Punishment. Make Sure They See You As A Loving Parent And Not As An Enemy

13: Follow Your Heart And Your Instincts. If You Feel Guilty Or Bad After Punishing Your Child Then You Did Something Wrong. Apologize To Your Child And Never Do It Again

14: Forgive Your Child Quickly And Fully. Never Hold A Grudge And Don’t Bring Up Past Errors Or Mistakes That Your Child Has Made Amends For

15: Shower Your Child With Love As Soon After A Punishment As You Can

16: Always Turn The Punishment Into A Positive Learning Experience For Your Child

17: Don’t Punish If Your Child Obviously Feels Bad And Has Already Learned Their Lesson

18: Remember The True Meanings Of Discipline And What The End Goal Of Such Action Should Be. Act Accordingly

19: Be Willing To Admit Your Own Mistakes And Shortcomings To Your Children When Appropriate.

20: Always Act In Love

By starting and ending the Discipline process with love, you ensure that your child knows that it is love that motivates your actions.

That being said, you should act in a loving manner, especially when you need to Discipline your children.

Use these Discipline Guidelines to help you make the best Discipline decisions possible.

Remember : The word DISCIPLINE comes from the Latin

*Disciplina*, meaning 'To Teach'

The word DISCIPLINE also comes from the Latin

*Discipulus*, meaning a 'Pupil or Student'

So to Discipline is to act as a teacher for your child who will be in a sense your disciple of sorts.

Teach your child with love and by example.

Discipline only when needed, as lightly as possible in order to teach the lesson, and always with love.