

DISCIPLINE

The school and home must be parallel in disciplinary out-look for the moral training to be effective. Only a philosophy and practice based upon the revealed Word of God is acceptable. Some guidelines as we build toward such an out look are as follows:

1. The responsibility and authority to discipline comes from God. Ephesians 6:1-4
2. Christian love is at the heart of all discipline. The unhappy side of love (correction and chastening) is an essential part of the firmness of love. They must be balanced. Firmness minus love becomes harsh and unfeeling, whereas love without firmness is weakness and sentimentality. Both errors produce problems instead of solve problems. Proverbs 3:11-12
3. Discipline has moral content. The foundation is our amenability to God and the revelation of His standard of righteous conduct. Disobedience is the core of sin. Romans 5:19; I Peter 1:16
4. Positively, the school hopes to cooperate with the home in forming good habits in the students, such as:
 - a. Responsibility to do work promptly and correctly when assigned by the person in authority.
 - b. Cooperation with others in playing and working at school.
 - c. Promptness in attendance, assignments, and in responding to spoken commands by those in authority.
 - d. Respect for the church property, of which the school is part, and other people.
 - e. Courtesy, politeness, and good manners for and toward students, teachers, visitors, and others. Students should be quiet in class, raise their hands to speak, not interrupt others, properly excuse themselves, walk in the building, and eat with proper manners. Since the church building facilities are used, our students come in contact with many more people than just school personnel. Therefore, their proper behavior is of the utmost importance.
 - f. Cleanliness in person and property. Put all trash in trash containers, pick up paper on floors and grounds, keep desk area neat and tidy, and dress neatly.

Obedience to authority (parents, teachers, etc.), even when the person in authority is not immediately present, is expected. Such obedience should be willing, cheerful, and immediate.