

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
301: Healthy Friends & Family / Part-2 Parenting, Step-Parenting, Grand-Parenting & Mentoring Essentials

**LESSON 7: How To Keep Dennis From Becoming a Menace.
Words That Discipline.**

1. Two Key Biblical concepts (Words and Actions): Use W_____ = Clear
I_____

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke,

¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

2. Four ways to use words to bring c_____.

- ? Say _____ firmly
- ? S_____ age appropriately
- ? Use c_____
- ? Use c_____
- ? To _____

3. Practical tips for balanced parenting. Avoid these pitfalls:

- ? S_____ parent
- ? A_____ parent
- ? A_____ parent
- ? C_____ parent
- ? L_____ parent

4. Develop a game plan:

- ? Identify the top two b_____ problems
- ? Honestly evaluate your present parenting p_____
- ? Have a family c_____
- ? Join hands together and p_____

5. Be r_____. They will t_____ you.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel like you are doing with using the right words to bring discipline and instructions to your children?
2. Which of the "pitfalls" do you sometimes fall into (screaming, all-talk, abusive, close-lipped, light-bulb)? What can you do to catch yourself and change?
3. Do you stick to your "Yes" and stick to your "No" when you give them? Why or why not?
4. What is your experience in using contracts with children (verbal or written)? What seems to work for you and your family?
5. What "consequences" have seemed to work best at the different ages for you and your family?
6. What is your experience with doing "family conferences"?
7. Close in prayer, especially for the children.