

Good Morning, this is Michael De Rosa and today I want us to turn our attention to Proverbs chapter 13, verse 24

he who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

If you have been watching the news or reading the paper in recent days, you may have heard about the professional football player, Adrian Peterson, hitting his son.

Some have called it discipline. Others have called that abuse. I am calling parents to understand that a spanking is OK, when administered in love.

If discipline does not hurt then what are we really conveying to our kids?

Two things we need to state

- 1. Discipline is for correction. The Bible does not advocate abusive parenting.
- 2. Our society has confused disciple with abuse.

In closing, consider what this verse is also implying: it is a loving thing to not withhold the rod from a child who needs it.

Do you love your kids enough to discipline them?