1 Timothy 5:1 (NKJV)
1 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,
appeal

How we address the problem, is as important as the problem itself!

Whether it's with an older person, brother, sister, son or daughter

How we obey God's word is as important as TRUTH itself !

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Fathers do not DISCOURAGE your Children

Proverbs 15:5 (NKJV)
5 A fool despises his father's instruction, But **he who receives correction is prudent**.

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)
7 **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Because they can't bear to thank that anyone would view them as anything less than perfect

Knowledge: the accumulation of doctrine, or divine revelation

1. Do not provoke your children:

a. **Proverbs 22:17–18 (NKJV)**
17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;
18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips,

Colossians 3:16–4:1 (NKJV)

The umbrella verse for the rest of the chapter

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all **wisdom**, teaching and admonishing one another
verb imperative

Wisdom in context is the sound application of divine knowledge

5053 σοφία (*sophia*), ας (*as*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; = DBLHebr 2683; Str 4678; TDNT 7.465—**1.** LN 32.32 **wisdom,** prudence, discretion, *i.e.*, the capacity to understand, and hence act wisely

in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
imperative
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
imperative
20 **Children**, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
imperative

Ephesians 6:1–4 (NKJV)
1 **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:
3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."
4 And you, fathers, do not **provoke** your **children** to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Do not be tyrannical in the exercise of your authority

4239 παροργίζω (*parorgizō*): vb.; = Str 3949; TDNT 5.382—LN 88.177 **make angry**, exasperate (Ro 10:19; Eph 6:4+; Col 3:21 v.r.)

21 Fathers, do not provoke your **children**, lest they become discouraged.

2241 ἐρεθίζω (*erethizō*): vb.; = Str 2042—**1.** LN 88.168 **make resentful**, to stir up embitterment to cause someone to feel resentment—'to make resentful, to make someone bitter.' μὴ ἐρεθίζετε τὰ τέκνα ὑμῶν 'do not cause your children to become resentful' Col 3:21

126 ἀθυμέω (*athymeō*): vb.; = Str 120—LN 25.292 **be disheartened**, be discouraged (Col 3:21+)

22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.
1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

2. Scripture assumes a parent to be nurturing and gentle with instruction:

a. Comforting and gentle:

Psalm 103:13 (NKJV)
13 As a **father** pities his **children**, So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

2146 רָחַם (*rāḥam*) **I**, *love deeply; have mercy, be compassionate.*

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (NKJV)
11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you,
console and encourage
as a **father** does his own **children**,

This is a standard assumed conduct for a parent.

The text is assuming that this is the way you treat your children

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NKJV)
7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

2473 ἤπιος (*ēpios*), α (*a*), ον (*on*): adj.; = Str 2261—LN 88.61 **gentle, kind** (2Ti 2:24+; 1Th 2:7 v.r.)

3. **Would a parent treat his children** with a lesser standard then God requires toward fellow believers ?

a. What is **wisdom**?

It is the skillful application of knowledge:

Proverbs 15:1–2 (NKJV)
1 A soft answer turns away wrath, **But a harsh word** stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, **But the mouth of fools** pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 16:24–25 (NKJV)
24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.
25 There is a way that seems right to a man, **But its end is the way of death**.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)
6 Train up a **child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 4:1–2 (NKJV)
1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
2 with all **lowliness** and **gentleness**, with **longsuffering**, **bearing with one another in love**,

1 Timothy 6:11 (NKJV)
11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and **pursue righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

1466 δικαιοσύνη (*dikaiosynē*), ης (*ēs*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; = DBLHebr 7406, 7407; Str 1343; TDNT 2.192—**1.** LN 88.13 **righteousness**, what is right, justice, the act of doing what God requires—'righteousness, doing what God requires, doing what is right.

2 Timothy 2:24–25 (NKJV)
24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,
25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

Titus 3:2 (NKJV)
2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

James 3:13 (NKJV)
13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of **wisdom**.

the skillful application of knowledge:

Knowledge is the **acquired** core biblical beliefs

Proverbs 12:25 (NKJV)
25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.

4. Correction and punishment:

a. Highly regard correction:

Hebrews 12:5–11 (NKJV)
5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My **son**, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;
6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every **son** whom He receives."
7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with **sons**; for what **son** is there whom a **father** does not chasten?
8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not **sons**.
9 Furthermore, we have had human **fathers** who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the **Father** of spirits and live?
10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.
11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

5. Would you want to be treated with patience?

a. **How do you respond** when a kind word of encouragement is spoken when you do or speak something ignorantly ?

1 Corinthians 4:21 (NKJV)
21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, **or** in love and a spirit of **gentleness**?

2 Corinthians 10:1 (NKJV)
1 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

4559 πραΰτης (*prautēs*), ητος (*ētos*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; = Str 4240; TDNT 6.645—LN 88.59 **gentleness**, meekness, humility, gentleness of attitude and behavior, in contrast with harshness in one's dealings with others—'gentleness, meekness, mildness.

Galatians 5:22–25 (NKJV)
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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Colossians 1:10–11 (NKJV)
10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

Proverbs 15:4 (NKJV)
4 *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*