

## *Discipline your children for their sake.*

*Discipline is a word that is misunderstood by some parents who perceive the action of disciplining their children to be one where they are preventing their children from being themselves or by controlling their children by harsh measures to fit into societies rules of behaviour. The real reality is that children who are not told "No" become self-centred and spoilt. I am not talking about belting your children into submission, which is not discipline.*

*Integrity, character, respectful, and mature individuals have been taught "No." We may not like being told "No" to something we want to do, and we may not appreciate being disciplined for our own good or even understand why?*

*My role as a father is to provide for my children's education, not just schooling, but worldly schooling so they can become independent adults able to make informed decisions.*

*If I say "Do not do that or this will be the consequence, then if your child chooses not to obey, then you must make sure your child "bears" the consequence, or else you are not being respected and have made matters even worse.*

*Decisions have consequences, and the worst thing we can do as a parent is to prevent our children from "suffering" the consequences of their decisions. My role as a parent is to make myself redundant, satisfied that my children can look after themselves. It is certainly not a role where all parents agree with me.*

*There are a vast number of spoilt children in this world today that think we, and governments owes them, and they want free handouts and not have to work - they have been spoilt, and not told "No."*

*Discipline takes an effort and does not make you popular. You must endure, and the result is a young adult with character.*

*I have attached an audio by David Meece (video file) who is a concert pianist, singer, and song writer. David has performed and produced albums that are "Christian oriented," but this song titled "Thank You for the times you said No" is also relevant to the secular community. "Spare the rod and the child be spoilt" is an old saying easily misinterpreted. A better saying is "Spare the NO and the child be spoilt."*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbxsYEEUViE>

*Peter W Cooke*