

**#11 Train your children to defend themselves**

Hey, we live in a violent world and it is getting more dangerous all the time  
Just read or watch the news: random acts of violence are an everyday occurrence  
This is particularly sad for females  
It is important that we train and educator children to be able to defend themselves

**Martial arts are fun to learn and do**

Karate, Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Taekwondo,  
Not for everybody, but boxing is beneficial  
Boxing and ballet have many things in common  
Joining a gym with your children is a fun activity

**#12 Think! Don't be at the wrong place at the wrong time**

Never a good time to be at a bar  
Unfortunately attending many large probably events can be dangerous  
Sporting events, walks in the park/parades, inner-city events, school bus transportation  
Be aware of the people attending and be cautious and alert.  
Be Careful!! Do not enter

**#13 Spank or spoil**

What does the Bible say about spanking?  
Nothing  
The word spank is not used in the Scriptures  
What does it say about disciplining children

Several scriptures mention discipline  
Proverbs 23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die  
Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart  
Proverbs 29:15 The Rod and Reproof give wisdom, but a child left to self bring shame to his mother  
Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who him diligent to discipline him  
Ephesians 6:4 Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord  
Proverbs 20:6 Train every child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it

Every child is different and need to be disciplined according to the situation and their personalities.

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom  
James 1:5 But if any of you like wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him

**If my wife and I had to do it again**

We would not use physical (corporate) punishment to discipline our sons  
Matter of fact, we are sorry that we did use physical punishment  
All is forgiven by her sons, but a mistake we wish we did not make

**#14 Church attendance is mandatory**

For as long as my wife and I have been married, we have attended church  
We also required that our children attend each week while living at home  
We did not accept excuses for attending  
It has always been a big part of our family's life (We are thankful for church)  
Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near

**#15 Christian Youth Groups: Can make a positive difference in your children's lives**

All groups your children are involved in must be monitored  
Two types of youth groups: Your home church youth group and or external groups  
Home church are generally more preferred, but there are many great external groups  
The morals of youth group members should have an impact on your child's participation  
Your children are more likely to accept a sin lifestyle in a youth group with many non-Christian members  
A family with different moral values moved next to us when my sons were teens. They were very nice, but our older son accepted their sin activities and also participated in them  
Sleepovers: In our opinion due to our current sinful and immoral society, youth sleep-overs are a thing of the past and not acceptable, and should be avoided  
We know of a family that changed home churches for their children to be involved in a church with a great youth group  
My wife and I wished we would have done the same