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You have to be there for them. You have to be there, at school. You have to be there in the activities that are after school. You won't know - for one thing what's going on with your kid and they'll get involved with other influences. And that's where they start going astray, but if you're there to support them and you back them with what they're doing then I think that, you know, you're more apt to be, you know, to be - to help your children be successful. I think the best bet is to be as supportive as you can and as involved as you can in everything that they do. When raising our children, my husband and I, we would always talk first. Always! You know, explain to them and, and make sure they know what it is that you expect of them. There were times when we had to not spare the rod because the scripture tells you that to spare the rod you spoil the child. But you discipline with love. You don't discipline out of anger. And that's where people go wrong. They discipline out of anger. They're mad. They're angry at what their child has done or said. And that's where they go astray and get in trouble. But you discipline with love. **-Babette Leek**

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