



“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it..” This is a famous maxim you can find posted on the walls and used by speakers when they deliver a talk regarding parenting. Often, this saying creates a conflict between the young and the old generation when it comes to parenting.

Psychologists believes that spanking is an undesirable method of correcting a child. The child will develop low self-esteem and will eventually hate their parents for doing so. However, the old people stresses that sparing a rod is an act paving the way for a child to become a spoiled brat.

These opposing ideas confuses young generation parents on what is the appropriate parenting.

Vocabulary:

**Maxim
old generation
Self-esteem
spoiled brat**

**young generation
spanking
sparing a rod
paving**

Language Focus:**Modals useful for making recommendations.**

advisability	had better ought to should
necessity	have got to have to must
lack of necessity and prohibition	do not have to must not

Debate:

Tell whether the following ideas are true or false. Defend your answer.

- 1. Punishing children is an act of love.**
- 2. Teenagers should not be punished. They can distinguish between right from wrong.**
- 3. Girls should not be punished physically.**
- 4. Physical punishment is as severe as torture.**
- 5. In giving punishment, parents should consider the age.**