

# Discipline

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the root of bad behavior; and when a child is feeling neglected, they don't care if the attention they get is positive or negative." Birrell explained. "As parents, we should make an effort to invest quality time in their daily lives," he added.

Some people abide literally to the methods of discipline prescribed in the Bible and claim that the Word of God advocates for the corporal punishment of children. Others question whether the "rod of correction" in the book of Proverbs is a figurative rod or a literal one; and assert that biblical discipline is about instruction, not beatings.

Michael Jost, interpreting the "shebet," or "rod," to also include a shepherd's staff, and sign of authority, wrote the following in "Spare the Rod... Spoil the Child": "We [as parents] need to provide them with a set of values and with ways of approaching life that has integrity and respect for others as a cornerstone. We certainly don't do that by beating them. A shepherd, who beats his or her sheep, will have no flock. We as parents are the shepherds for our children. By applying the rod of protection, guidance, care, and nurturance, we can guide them into adulthood. But if we spare the rod, children are abandoned to their own devices and limited experiences for guidance."

Betty Miller, referring to Prov-

verbs 22:15, writes in Bible.com's Daily Devotional: "The purpose of a spanking is not to cause any lasting bodily harm, but to cause spiritual correction... it is a kindness to a child, as they will respect authority, if it is done properly."

There is much controversy about spanking because it covers such a broad spectrum; and what one considers appropriate another feels crosses the line. Many parents cite a lack of support, or poor examples in their own upbringing for their abusive behavior further proving why education is an important component of abuse prevention. The difference between discipline and abuse is critical information for parenting.

While the State of Nevada's Division of Child and Family Services states that "physical abuse is characterized by physical injury", they further explain, "Although the injury is not an accident, the parent or caretaker may not have intended to hurt the child." Nevertheless, they consider, "Any injury resulting from physical punishment that requires medical treatment is outside the realm of normal disciplinary measures."

In 2009, there were 18,000 child abuse and neglect reports filed in Nevada; and as unemployment and foreclosure rates continue to rise to record levels in the state, many of the pressures that can lead to abuse and neglect are also increasing. In fact, Nevada

tops the list when it comes to child deaths per capita due to child abuse, according to a 2001 report published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Nevada's foster care system is currently under strain. Social workers are being forced to juggle increasing caseloads; and the number of licensed foster homes in Clark County falls short of the need. Erik Snoreen, a Qualified Mental Health Assistant working with Eagle Quest, a foster care agency in Las Vegas, said, "We are seeing an increase in caseloads,

and children in need of family services; however, due to the current budget crisis, the entire social service system is experiencing a decrease in funding." He added, "Unfortunately, this cut in funding affects the programs that serve the hurting children in our community."

In support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada (PCA Nevada), hopes people will get involved in bringing about change for the children in this community. Support can be shown through participating in the national "Blue Ribbon"

campaign, as well as the statewide campaign to plant "Pinwheels for Prevention" gardens in strategic locations like Capital Hill. For more information please visit:

[www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org). The excerpts from Michael Jost's article, "Spare the Rod... Spoil the Child," can be read at length in "Religion and Discipline" at: [www.stophitting.com](http://www.stophitting.com).

If you believe a child is being abused, you need to report it to a Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement agency; and the 24-hour hotline for CPS in Clark County is (702) 399-0081.

# Your Cross

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hand of God was at work in their lives.

Sixteen months ago, Miguel's family set out on a journey that has enabled them to see some incredible things happen in the Lord. Miguel will tell you he is just an ordinary man that God has called to show forth His love to a hurting world. He and his family together make up Revolution Ministries, with a mission to turn the love around in people's lives.

Revolution Ministries' focus is outreach to the homeless, hurting and community wherever they are. God has equipped them to live a life of faith as they travel the country in a donated RV (the fifth wheel and truck are gone now, too) which contain all of their worldly possessions.

Yes, the costs have been great, but so have the rewards. In 2010, they did 10 major events, outreaches and projects and saw 1,000 plus lives touched; utilized 263 volunteers; had 430 either pray the salvation prayer or baptized; and had 42 event and outreach supporters including churches, non-profits and businesses.

Miguel and family came to Las Vegas last month to facilitate the Community Development Outreach & Leadership Conference, which took place at the New Bethany Family Worship Center for All Nations. The conference was incredible and the highlight was a block party that featured Holy Hip Hop Artist Chris Barnes who is also a part of Miguel's ministry team. With a heart to reach our youth right where they are, Barnes has a way with his rhyme to reach in an grab there attention where most can't.

Continuing to be led by the Lord, Miguel feels God has not yet released him from Las Vegas, so he continues to do what he does in showing forth the love of God in our city. He is determined to see a change in the atmosphere of Las Vegas to that of love for those in our community.

For more information on Miguel and his ministry, visit [www.revolutiontour.org](http://www.revolutiontour.org).

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The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) has announced that Miss Teen Nevada, Ashley Brown, will serve as the mistress of ceremonies for its May 21 Take Steps Las Vegas event at Kellogg-Zaher Sports Complex. Joining Ashley will be the event's Honored Hero, 14-year-old Brittany MacDonald, who is one of

many teens living with Crohn's disease. Event organizers hope that the participation of young adults will help highlight the wide range of Americans suffering from digestive diseases. Take Steps is in its fourth year in Las Vegas with similar walks taking place in major metropolitan areas throughout the country. Approximately 1.4 million Americans, including 100,000

children, are affected by digestive diseases. Take Steps is the country's largest event dedicated to raising funds and awareness to find cures.

"We are very excited about Ashley and Brittany joining us and for all that 2011 has in store for CCFA and progress in finding cures for Crohn's and ulcerative colitis," said Las Vegas Take Steps Manager Briana Mackey. "As the charity for the recent Las Vegas Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, CCFA began to capture the attention of Las Vegans who are or have loved ones affected by digestive diseases. We hope 2011 will be the year Las Vegas truly builds a strong community of support and

raises significant funds to contribute to research to find a cure," she said.

Registration for Take Steps is free at [www.cctakesteps.org/lasvegas](http://www.cctakesteps.org/lasvegas) and participants can sign up on an individual or team basis. Participants receive incentives for fund raising, and networking events are held leading up to the walk. In addition to the walk on May 21, Take Steps will feature vendor booths, resources and activities for children. There are in-kind and other sponsorship opportunities available for those wishing to reach the Irritable Bowel Disease (IBD) community.

Brown, who came to know about CCFA through MacDonald,

enjoys community service and helping others. She is 17-years-old and has lived and travelled throughout the world with her armed forces family. She plans to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2010 to study Business Management and later enlist in the United States Air Force.

MacDonald, who has returned to pageant participation after a multi-year battle to receive the diagnosis of Crohn's and work to get the disease into remission, has used her active lifestyle and pageant platform to bring awareness to the issue of digestive diseases.

Visit [www.cctakesteps.org/lasvegas](http://www.cctakesteps.org/lasvegas) or email [bmackey@ccfa.org](mailto:bmackey@ccfa.org) for more information.



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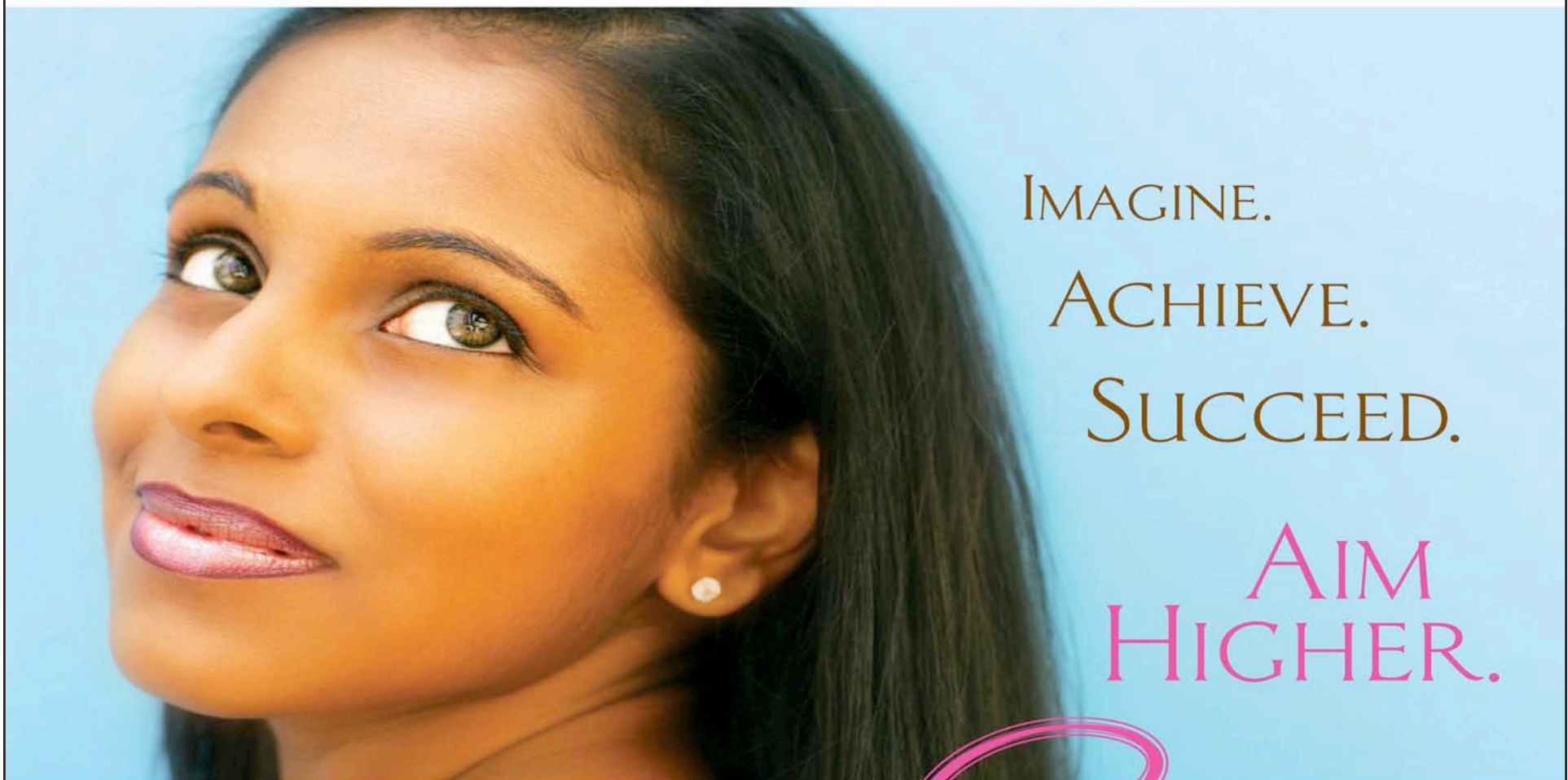
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