

DISCIPLINE FOR CHILDREN IN EARLY DAYS

(People in those old days, you know, the Indians they had different ways of correcting their children and discipline them.)

One thing that my folks was with me, my daddy and mammy, they was good to us.

And we was good to them back. We done what they wanted us to do and minded what they said. Course there was sometimes the boys did get out where they shouldn't be. But they come back, back home and that's how I was raised.

(Yeah)

I was raised, I guess you might say in a Christian home. My mother was a Christian woman. So I think about the mothers' lot. And a mother is more like Christ than anybody I know. They can, her children can do anything in the world, they don't care how bad.

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(The Indian parents never punished their children by whipping them. They could talk to them and get more accomplished.)

Just what they say. "don't spare the child and spoil the rod. I mean spare the rod, spoil the child."

(Yeah.)

You know I've often thought of. I'll tell you one thing that you can do. You take a child and you better work with them accoring to their temper.

(Yes sir)

You can give them a good whipping without it spoiling them. And I've seen some people done that a way.

(Yes sir)

And if you treat them better, treat them nice. You get along with them far better.

(Yes sir. That seemed to be the Indian parents worked. They used kindness to discipline their children. They would talk to them and explain to them and I think they had a wonderful philosophy of raising children.)

Yeah they did it cause they was good to them.

(Yeah)