

## Chapter 5

**Theme:** Prevention versus Revenge

### **Single Best Quote:**

“When a student misbehaves, the great teacher has one goal: to keep that behavior from happening again.”

“Effective teachers want to prevent misbehavior, whereas ineffective teachers focus on punishing a student after he or she misbehaves.

### **Points:**

1. Effective teachers are focused on the future student behavior; the poor teacher is focused on past student behavior.
2. Prevent misbehavior in the future or revenge for misbehavior in the past.
3. The goal of a principal for a student that has been sent to his office is NOT to have the student leave angry, but with the problem solved. The principal wants to lay the foundation for improved behavior/performance in the future.
4. Great teachers have the typical “bag of tricks” or options on how to respond to difficult situations, but the effective teacher will choose the best options and will reach into that bag rarely.

### **Self-evaluation and application as a:**

- **Shop teacher** – As a shop teacher I have done exactly what Whitaker warns not to do when he says: “The issue shifts from the child’s behavior to our behavior.” I constantly try to avoid this, but often I fail and the issue quickly becomes my behavior.
- **Bible teacher** –
- **Parent** –
- **Person** –

### **Questions/Criticisms/Evaluations/Comments of Whitaker’s presentation or perspective:**

I still disagree with what he writes at the bottom of page 28 onto the top of page 29.