

Vibrant:

GROWING FAMILIES WHERE FAITH FLOURISHES

The Guided Family

Hebrews 12:3-11 (ESV)

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

⁵ ... have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Who does God discipline?

Why does God discipline?

He _____ us.

He is _____ us and our _____.

He wants us to be _____.

He _____ our greatest need:

We struggle with _____ and He wants us to have the
_____ that only comes from _____.

How does God discipline?

Biblical discipline:

Is necessary to _____. (v. 4)

Our children are not born morally _____. (Jeremiah 17:9)

Therefore, they need more than _____.

They need corrective _____.

Consider Proverbs 22:15 ...

We discipline with _____ and _____. (v. 5)

Proverbs 3:11 ...

If _____ is the basis of discipline, then _____ is the key.
(v.6-9)

We discipline because we want to teach our children the necessity of
_____ - to us first, then to God. (v. 9)

Discipline requires _____ in order to achieve
_____. (v. 10-11)

“Far from being a dirty word, discipline is evidence of love. When you consistently discipline your child and do it with the right attitude – compassionately, under control, with consistent boundaries and consequences, and focused on the child’s best outcome – you are expressing love exactly as God sometimes expresses His love. It may seem uncomfortable both to you and to your child at the time, but in the long run, it’s the most selfless, compassionate thing you can do to set your child up for happiness in life and fruitfulness in God’s Kingdom.”

- Chip Ingram, *Effective Parenting in a Defective World*