

Love Discipline

Are you Seeking and Giving Discipline?

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Intro

- **Discussion: What is Discipline?**
 - www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/discipline
 - 1** : punishment
 - 2** *obsolete* : instruction
 - 3** : a field of study
 - 4** : training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character
 - 5 a** : control gained by enforcing obedience or order **b** : orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior **c** : self-control
 - 6** : a rule or system of rules governing conduct or activity
- **Discussion: How do you feel about Discipline**
 - From afar I don't like it! ... but have also seen the benefit!

Proverbs 12:1 (NIV)

*Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates correction is stupid.*

1) The Father's Discipline

- Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)
 - My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
and do not resent his rebuke,
because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.*
 - Lord brings – so to despise is to despise Lord
 - Lord brings in love – so is good, done for good
 - As a father ...
- Look at HEBREWS 12:1-11 – Lord's Discipline as Father
 - Look at Christ ... all He endured ... also witnesses
 - Endure hardship, for good / holiness, harvest righteous...

- Proverbs 13:1 (ESV)
 - A wise son heeds his father's instruction,
but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.*
 - Wise son heeds the instruction / rebuke he gets
- Proverbs 13:24 (ESV)
 - Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.*
 - Rod – physical hurt when do wrong
 - To spare that is hate, to love disciple diligently
- Proverbs 19:18 (ESV)
 - Discipline your son, for there is hope;
do not set your heart on putting him to death.*
 - Discipline brings hope ... punishment for rebellion is stoning – to not discipline is to condemn to death!
- Proverbs 23:13-14 (ESV)
 - Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.
If you strike him with the rod,
you will save his soul from Sheol.*
 - Strike with rod will not kill
 - But does save soul ... how? ... fear of God
- Proverbs 22:15 (ESV)
 - Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.*
 - Natural state not good or wise – but folly
 - Discipline needed to drive out folly
- Proverbs 29:15 (ESV)
 - The rod and reproof give wisdom,
but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.*
 - Left to self bring shame, rod brings wisdom

- **Proverbs 20:30** (ESV)
*Blows that wound cleanse away evil;
strokes make clean the innermost parts.*
 - Notice goal – deal with evil, not just frustration
 - Deal with Heart – not just behavior
 - Elsewhere on OT is desire of God to give us a new heart, to cleanse our heart
 - In Jesus we are given that New Life... but still need daily sanctification
 - It is the strokes of discipline that get to the heart!
 - Note: even Jesus “learned obedience” – – **Heb. 5:3** -
Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered - not disciplined for sin, learn discipline!

2) Blessings and Curses

- **Proverbs 12:1** (NIV)
*Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates correction is stupid.*
 - We naturally dislike correction, but that is stupid!
- **Proverbs 19:20** (NIV)
*Listen to advice and accept instruction,
and in the end you will be wise.*
- **Proverbs 19:27** (NIV)
*Stop listening to instruction, my son,
and you will stray from the words of knowledge.*
- **Proverbs 15:31-32** (NIV)
*He who listens to a life-giving rebuke
will be at home among the wise.
He who ignores discipline despises himself,
but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.*
 - To ignore discipline is to despise oneself!
 - Heed correction – life-giving – become wise

- **Proverbs 16:22** (NASB)
*Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it,
But the discipline of fools is folly.*
- **Proverbs 13:18** (NIV)
*He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame,
but whoever heeds correction is honored.*
 - Do you want honor or poverty and shame?
- **Proverbs 15:10** (ESV)
*There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way;
whoever hates reproof will die.*
 - Note that discipline increases as forsake way ...
 - If do not heed, you will die
- **Proverbs 29:1** (ESV)
*He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck,
will suddenly be broken beyond healing.*
 - Stiffen neck ... sudden disaster, no remedy!

3) Are you Seeking and Giving Discipline?

- **Proverbs 17:10** (ESV)
*A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding
than a hundred blows into a fool.*
 - Are you looking for / giving to others the kind of rebukes that goes deep into the heart ... not just blows to get at the person, but deep, life-changing correction and rebuke?
 - **Examples: Brad, Peter, Bill and Ben, DM Board**
- Look at **Rev 3:14-21** – Lead to Repent, Jesus ready to eat with us
- **Proverbs 23:12** (ESV)
*Apply your heart to discipline
And your ears to words of knowledge.*
 - Are you applying yourself to discipline? You need to seek it, to go after it, and then to listen and apply it!