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Discipline of the Lord

“And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.’⁷ Endure hardship as discipline;

God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:5-11

FOR YOU: Through this subject we understand how God disciplines His children. One thing is true – Salvation is not lost! God disciplines the ones He loves so that they can be part of His Holiness.

The Greek word PAIDEO means “training”.

God Has Promised That He Will Discipline The One He Loves

— The Lord disciplines the one he loves. (Hebrews 12:6)

— “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.” (Galatians 6:7-10)

The Discipline Comes Only From The Lord

— “Do not take revenge, says the Lord.” (Romans 12:19)

The Ones Who Aren't True Sons and Daughters of God Won't Be Disciplined

— If you are not disciplined, you are not a true son or daughter of God. (Hebrews 12:8)

The Biblical Examples of Bastards and Children of the Devil

— “For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign Lord.” (Jude 4)

Some other verses for reference:

1 John 2:19

John 17:12

Matthew 7:21-23

2 Thessalonians 3:2

There Are Basically Three Ways the Lord Can Deal with His People by

— Disciplining. (Hebrews 12:10)

— Teaching. (Psalms 94:12-13)

— Scourging. (1 John 5:16; 1 Corinthians 5:5)

Biblical Examples of People Who Had Been Disciplined

Samson

David

People from Israel

Peter

Ananias and Sapphires

Discipline is Not Only Applied For Sinful Acts, But Also For Those Who Have Insulted the Spirit of Grace

— “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. ²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge his people.’ ³¹ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:26-31)

Old Testament Verses that Shows Us About the Discipline of the Lord

- Blessed is the one you discipline. (Psalms 94:12-13)
- Do not despise the LORD’s discipline. (Proverbs 3:11-12)
- I will punish their sin with the rod, but I will not take my love from you. (Psalms 89:30-36)

FINAL WORD – The discipline of God does not allow the believer to live in acts of debauchery, as the Holy Spirit will correct them all the time. Do not despise the discipline because it shows that you are being blessed by your conduct.