

CHASTENING/DISCIPLINE

Job 5:17

Look at it from God's perspective. It is a blessing to be disciplined by God when we do wrong. It's because He loves us. So don't despise or reject it. His reason: so we can partake of His holiness. He desires that nothing hinders us from the intimacy and fellowship with Him.

Psalm 94:12-13

Similar to the Job reference above.

Along with discipline, He teaches and is made wise unto salvation.

If you are disciplined, know you are favored.

Psalm 119:67

Without the affliction/chastening, we would go further astray.

Verse 71: It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn His statutes.

Proverbs 3:11-12

Discipline means to teach and train. Some feel discipline is negative because of sometime in their life receiving discipline in an unloving manner. God's discipline is done in love. Teaching is essential to show us in the way to go and discipline may be necessary to render the teaching effectual and correction is requisite in order to bring the mind into submission. Despising God's discipline overlooks the benefits that come from His correction.

1 Corinthians 11:32

The purpose of His discipline is to bring us back into alignment with God and His ways so we will not suffer eternal punishment.

The Amplified Bible states: "But when we (fall short and) are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined and chastened..."

The design of God's correcting His children is, that they should be reclaimed, and not destroyed.

Hebrews 12:5-11

Consider this: Who really loves his children more – a father who allows the child to do what will harm him or the one who brings correction and training and even punishment so he will do what is right? If you never met with anything to correct faults or wandering away, it would prove you were illegitimate children – cast off and disregarded by the father.

No chastening is pleasant but its purpose will bring fruits of righteousness into our lives. A Christian must allow the discipline to have its full effect and be trained by it.

Revelation 3:19

When God brings discipline, be quick to repent. Lose no time in repenting so it does not become necessary for severe discipline which will always come on those who are lukewarm.