

Hebrews 12:7-8 (HCS)

Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? [8]

But if you are without discipline - which all receive - then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Hebrews 12:9 (JBP)

After all, when we were children we had fathers who corrected us, and we respected them for it. Can we not much more readily submit to a heavenly Father's discipline, and learn how to live?

Hebrews 12:10 (JBP)

For our fathers used to correct us according to their own ideas during the brief days of childhood. But God corrects us all our days for our own benefit, to teach us his holiness.

Hebrews 12:11 (JBP)

Now obviously no "chastening" seems pleasant at the time: it is in fact most unpleasant. Yet when it is all over we can see that it has quietly produced the fruit of real goodness in the characters of those who have accepted it in the right spirit.

**Discipline is
NEVER
Fun**

Hebrews 12:5-11

True or False Test

- 1. Trials and Suffering are...Unfortunate but Avoidable**
- 2. Trials and Suffering are...Inevitable but Controllable**
- 3. Trials and Suffering are...Inescapable but Bearable**
- 4. Trials and Suffering are... Always Easier to Endure if We Know the Reason or Purpose**

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, **to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.**

→ We **CANNOT** be
profoundly influenced
(or encouraged)
by that which we
do NOT know.

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→ The more we
KNOW God's Word the more
Influence and **Impact**
it can have in our lives

Wrong Responses to God's Discipline

- **DISREGARD** - making light of it
- **DEPRESSION** - to loose heart

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the **DISCIPLINE** and instruction of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCS)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for **TRAINING** in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

→ **Discipline**

involved **TRAINING** and
EDUCATING a child

- preparing them for life

Discipline Included BOTH...

- **INSTRUCTION** and Training to do what is Right
- **CORRECTION** of wrong - punishment

Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Psalm 119:67 (NIV)

Before I was AFFLICTED
I went ASTRAY, **but now I**
OBEY your word.

Job 42:2, 5-6 (HCS)

**I know that You can do ANYTHING and
no plan of Yours can be thwarted.**

**...[5] I had heard rumors about You, but
now my eyes have seen You.**

**[6] Therefore I take back my words and
repent in dust and ashes.**

2 Corinthians 12:6-7 (NLT)

...So to **KEEP ME** from becoming **PROUD**, **I was given a thorn in my flesh**, a messenger from Satan to torment me and **KEEP ME** from becoming **PROUD**.

Job 5:17-18 (NIV)

Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do NOT despise the discipline of the Almighty. [18] For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal.

Earthly Fathers Discipline us...

- **for short time**
- **as they saw best**

Heavenly Father Disciplines us...

- **our whole lives**
- **perfectly**
- **always for our good**

**→ God does NOT stop
every evil thing
that might cause us
Pain or Suffering**

Psalm 94:12 (NIV)

Blessed is the man
YOU Discipline, O LORD,
the man **YOU TEACH**
from your law...

Respond to God's Discipline...

- by accepting it with **RESIGNATION**
- by accepting it with **SELF-PITY**
- by being angry and **RESENTFUL** toward God
- by accepting it **GRATEFULLY**

Remember I am...

- Here Because God **ORDAINED** it
- **UNDER** God's **PROTECTION**
- being given **STRENGTH** and power to **ENDURE**
- Being **TRAINED** and **INSTRUCTED** by it
- Here **UNTIL** God Leads elsewhere



QUESTIONS

1. Why is it hard for us to accept Discipline from God in our lives?
2. Why do we slip into the mistake of thinking ALL Discipline is Punishment for Sin?
3. How do we know that Discipline is a sign of God's Love?