

## **Hebrews: "Discipline is Not a Dirty Word!"**

**Hebrews 12:5-13**

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### **I. The exhortation for discipline. (vs 5-7)**

1. Do not despise discipline. (vs 5)

Proverbs 3:11-12

2. Do not grow weary of discipline. (vs 5)

3. Do not lose patience with discipline. (vs 6-7)

1 Peter 2:19

### **II. The purposes of discipline. (vs 8-11)**

1. Not punishment for sin. (vs 8)

2. Not confrontational. (vs 9)

Numbers 32:23

#### **Four purposes for discipline:**

1. God disciplines us to assure us that we are His children. (vs 8)

2. God disciplines us to bring us the abundant life. (vs 9)

3. God disciplines us so we share His holiness. (vs 10)

4. God disciplines us so that we can bear the fruit of peace and righteousness. (vs 11)

### **III. The believer's responsibility in discipline. (vs 12-13)**

I Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10; Hosea 6:1

#### **LET'S GO DEEPER:**

1. Why does God allow his people to endure persecution? What is the proper Christian response to it?
2. List some of the various forms of persecution Christians experience.
3. What does the presence of God's discipline in someone's life indicate about that person?
4. How should the Christian respond to evidence of God's discipline in his life? How might this help to mature faith?
5. How does discipline as described in Proverbs and in this passage of Hebrews differ from our culture's concept of discipline?