

Growth Through Discipline

Hebrews 12:5-7

*And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:
“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.” If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.*

1. Parents are responsible to discipline their children.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

2. Discipline is good for the parent and child.

Prov. 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

Prov. 15:5 A fool despises his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.

3. Discipline proves a parent loves their child.

Prov. 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Prov. 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

4. Discipline postponed is ineffective.

Prov. 19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.

5. Discipline discourages bad conduct.

Prov. 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

6. Discipline is never intended to hurt or injure a child.

Prov. 23:13-14 Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.

7. Discipline is not to be done in anger.

Eph. 6:4 *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*