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HEBREWS 12:5-6 NIV

⁵ 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."

HEBREWS 12:7–8 NIV

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.

HEBREWS 12:9–10 NIV

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.

HEBREWS 12:11 NIV

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.

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MATTHEW 18:15 NIV

15 "IF YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER SINS, GO AND POINT OUT THEIR FAULT, JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU. IF THEY LISTEN TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON THEM OVER.

MATTHEW 18:16 NIV

ONE OR TWO OTHERS ALONG, SO THAT 'EVERY MATTER MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.'

MATTHEW 18:17 NIV

¹⁷ IF THEY STILL REFUSE TO LISTEN, **TELL IT TO THE CHURCH**; AND IF THEY REFUSE TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH, TREAT THEM AS YOU WOULD A PAGAN OR A TAX COLLECTOR.

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1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-2 NIV

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife.

² AND YOU ARE PROUD! SHOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE GONE INTO MOURNING AND HAVE PUT OUT OF YOUR FELLOWSHIP THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN DOING THIS?

1 CORINTHIANS 5:4-5 NIV

⁴ So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,

⁵ HAND THIS MAN OVER TO SATAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH, SO THAT HIS SPIRIT MAY BE SAVED ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

1 TIMOTHY 1:19-20 NIV

19 HOLDING ON TO FAITH AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE, WHICH SOME HAVE REJECTED AND SO HAVE SUFFERED SHIPWRECK WITH REGARD TO THE FAITH.

ALEXANDER, WHOM I HAVE HANDED OVER TO SATAN TO BE TAUGHT NOT TO BLASPHEME.

"HANDED OVER TO SATAN"

PRACTICALLY:

EXCOMMUNICATION

SPIRITUALLY:

LIFTING OF THE PROTECTIVE HEDGE

1 CORINTHIANS 5:5 NIV

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FLESH CAN DENOTE:

• SINFUL NATURE

PHYSICAL DEATH

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH

- HEAVY TRIALS TO ENCOURAGE THE TAMING OF THE SIN NATURE
- PHYSICAL DEATH WHICH IN TURN PREVENTS THE SPREAD OF EVIL INFLUENCE AND INCREASES REVERENT FEAR FOR GOD.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-7 NIV

6 YOUR BOASTING IS NOT GOOD. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT A LITTLE YEAST LEAVENS THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH?

⁷ GET RID OF THE OLD YEAST, SO THAT YOU MAY BE A NEW UNLEAVENED BATCH—AS YOU REALLY ARE. FOR CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER LAMB, HAS BEEN SACRIFICED.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10 NIV

⁹ I WROTE TO YOU IN MY LETTER NOT TO ASSOCIATE WITH SEXUALLY IMMORAL PEOPLE—

¹⁰ NOT AT ALL MEANING THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD WHO ARE IMMORAL, OR THE GREEDY AND SWINDLERS, OR IDOLATERS. **IN THAT CASE YOU WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THIS WORLD.**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:11 NIV

11 BUT NOW I AM WRITING TO YOU THAT YOU MUST NOT ASSOCIATE WITH ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A BROTHER OR SISTER BUT IS SEXUALLY IMMORAL OR GREEDY, AN IDOLATER OR SLANDERER, A DRUNKARD OR SWINDLER. DO NOT EVEN EAT WITH SUCH PEOPLE.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:12–13 NIV

12 What business is it of mine to JUDGE those outside the Church?

Are you not to judge those inside?

¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

2 THESSALONIANS 3:14–15 NIV

14 TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT OBEY OUR INSTRUCTION IN THIS LETTER. DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH THEM, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY FEEL ASHAMED.

15 YET DO NOT REGARD THEM AS AN ENEMY, BUT WARN THEM AS YOU WOULD A FELLOW BELIEVER.

GALATIANS 6:1 NIV

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is Caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit **should restore** that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:5 NIV

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1 TIMOTHY 1:20 NIV

AMONG THEM ARE HYMENAEUS AND ALEXANDER, WHOM I HAVE HANDED OVER TO SATAN TO BE TAUGHT NOT TO BLASPHEME.



2 CORINTHIANS 2:6-7 NIV

⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

⁷ NOW INSTEAD, YOU OUGHT TO FORGIVE AND COMFORT HIM, SO THAT HE WILL NOT BE OVERWHELMED BY EXCESSIVE SORROW.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:8-9 NIV

⁸ I URGE YOU, THEREFORE, TO REAFFIRM YOUR LOVE FOR HIM.

⁹ Another Reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11 NIV

10 ANYONE YOU FORGIVE, I ALSO FORGIVE. AND WHAT I HAVE FORGIVEN—IF THERE WAS ANYTHING TO FORGIVE—I HAVE FORGIVEN IN THE SIGHT OF CHRIST FOR YOUR SAKE,

11 IN ORDER THAT SATAN MIGHT NOT OUTWIT US. FOR WE ARE NOT UNAWARE OF HIS SCHEMES.

THIS IS MY BIBLE, I AM WHAT IT SAYS I AM,
I CAN DO WHAT IT SAYS I CAN DO.
I AM A BELIEVER, AND NOT A DOUBTER,
A DOER AND NOT JUST A HEARER, AND
MY LIFE IS THE BETTER AFTER HEARING,
OBEYING, AND APPLYING A
WORD FROM THE LORD.

1 SAMUEL 18:6-7 NIV

When the Men Were Returning Home After David had killed the Philistine, the Women Came Out from all the towns of Israel to Meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with Joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres.

⁷ As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

1 SAMUEL 18:8-9 NIV

⁸ SAUL WAS VERY ANGRY; THIS REFRAIN DISPLEASED HIM GREATLY. "THEY HAVE CREDITED DAVID WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS," HE THOUGHT, "BUT ME WITH ONLY THOUSANDS. WHAT MORE CAN HE GET BUT THE KINGDOM?"

⁹ And from that time on Saul Kept a Close eye on David.

1 SAMUEL 18:10-11 NIV

¹⁰ The Next Day an Evil Spirit from God Came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the Lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand

11 AND HE HURLED IT, SAYING TO HIMSELF, "I'LL PIN DAVID TO THE WALL." BUT DAVID ELUDED HIM TWICE.

1 SAMUEL 18:12 NIV

¹² Saul was afraid of David, BECAUSE THE LORD WAS WITH DAVID BUT HAD DEPARTED FROM SAUL.