

Tough Love

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. I Corinthians 13:4-7

Main Text: Hebrews 12:5-6

1. Tough Love Corrects Instead of Ignores

- Love requires responsibility
- *He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly. Proverbs 13:24*
- *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8*

2. Tough Love Trains Instead of Tolerates

- God uses discipline as a way to train us, not to punish us.
- Enduring Godly pain is not punishment.
- *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. I John 4:18*

3. Tough Love Produces Holiness over Happiness

- *Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world. I Corinthians 11:32*