

Sermon Notes

God Is Training Us to be Holy and Righteous

Hebrews 12:4-11

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12:4 **Keep fighting against sin.**

12:5-11 **God disciplines us for our benefit.**

Discipline is training in right living.

Do not think lightly of it or reject the discipline of the Lord.

Suggestion: do assessments through prayer.

Do not be discouraged and pull away when the Lord shows you something is wrong.

Because the Lord loves you, He disciplines, even punishes you.

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Good parents train their kids in right living. This is what God is doing with us. Expect it. Accept it.

If you haven't already, turn to your Father in heaven, and live.

Our perfect Father in heaven disciplines us for our benefit.

One of the benefits is our holiness.

Another benefit is the peaceful result of righteousness.

Less sin equals more peace.

When we are living right according to God, there can be a sense of wholistic rightness about our lives.

Will you submit to God, and lean into His process of training you in right living, trusting that it's for your benefit?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 3-5-2017 sermon

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What might help us not give up in the lifelong fight against sin? What helps you?

Before discussing discipline, let's be reminded what it is. Discipline is training in right living. Aspects of discipline are things like teaching, reproof/correction, and punishment.

Do you feel like you have seen God's discipline in your life? If so, give an example.

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

How willing do you think you are to allow the Lord to show you things wrong with you - with your behavior, your character, or your thinking? Why are you that way?

When you are going through something difficult, is it a habit of yours to ask God if He might be doing something or using something in your life to train you (teach you, correct you)? If so, tell us what that is like for you. What kinds of situation prompts you to do that questioning? What kinds of questions do you ask? What kind of response do you look or listen for from God?

Is that assessment through prayer something you want to start doing or do more regularly? And/ or is there anything you think you need to add to your assessment?

Why do you think the Lord would do this process of discipline in our lives?

Why do you think our "holiness" is a goal of God's? Holiness means set apart, special. It refers to being different than the world, by having superior character and behavior.

Do you see being holy as a benefit to you? Why or why not?

Verse 11 says "the peaceful fruit of righteousness" is what is produced after we have been trained by God's discipline. What do you think that experience might be? Is that something you want for your life?

If God is trying to achieve something in your life, do you think He is going to give up before He achieves it? In light of that, what do you think our response should be?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

What do you want to do differently, based on what you have learned in this passage and discussion?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.