

Jesus is a BETTER DISCIPLER
Text: Hebrews 12:1 – 12:17

The **GOOD NEWS** of God's **DISCIPLINE**: Hebrews 12:5. qtd Prov. 3:11-12

- 1) **God's DISCIPLINE** reveals **HIS LOVE**: Hebrews 12:6; Rev. 3:19
- 2) **God's DISCIPLINE** reveals **OUR familial RELATIONSHIP**: Heb. 12:7; John 1:12-13; Deut. 8:5. See also: 2 Cor. 6:18; Is. 43:6; Hos. 1:10
- 3) **God's DISCIPLINE** reveals the **AUTHENTICITY** of our **DIVINE PATERNITY**: Hebrews 12:8; Romans 8:16–17

The **GOOD PURPOSES** of God's **DISCIPLINE**:

- **God has GOOD purposes in GODLY family DISCIPLINE**: Heb. 12:9a
 - **BENEFITS child and parents (Proverbs)**: Hope of transformation (19:18); Drives foolishness out (22:15) & gives wisdom (29:15); Rest & Joy for parents (29:17); leads to salvation (23:13-14)
 - **DEMONSTRATES Love**: Proverbs 13:24
 - **REVEALS God**: Ephesians 6:4
- 1) **LIFE**: Hebrews 12:9b; Psalm 94:12; 1 Cor. 11:32. See: Job 5:17-18
- 2) **HOLINESS (Christ-LIKENESS)**: Hebrews 12:10; 1 Peter 1:16b; Romans 8:29. See also: 1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:13, 15; Col. 3:10
- 3) **RIGHTEOUSNESS – doing the RIGHT THING for the RIGHT REASONS at the RIGHT TIME**: Hebrews 12:11
 - a) **CHARACTER**: Romans 5:3–4. See also: 1 Peter 2:19-21; 5:9-11
 - b) **GODLINESS**: Titus 2:11–12

GOOD RESPONSES to God's **DISCIPLINE**:

- 1) **THROW AWAY every CONFLICTING PRIORITY and all SIN**: Hebrews 12:1ab; Ephesians 4:22. See also: Matthew 6:33; Mark 4:18-19; Romans 13:12; Colossians 3:8; James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1
- 2) **LOOK to the GOOD NEWS of JESUS**: Hebrews 12:2. See also: Luke 24:26; Philippians 2:8-11
- 3) **REFLECT on the EXAMPLE of JESUS**: Hebrews 12:3. See also: Matthew 10:24-25; Galatians 6:9
- 4) **BLEED like Jesus**: Hebrews 12:4; 1 Timothy 6:12a. See: 2 Tim. 4:7
- 5) **RUN with ENDURANCE and for JOY like Jesus**: Heb. 12:1c, 12–13; Gal. 2:14a; 1 Cor. 9:24. See: Isaiah 35:3-4; 1 Cor. 9:25-27; Phil. 3:14

The **GOOD COMMUNITY** of God's **DISCIPLINE**:

- 1) **Where PEACE (Reconciled Intimacy) is SOUGHT**: Hebrews 12:14ab
See also: Romans 12:18-21, 14:19; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 2:2
- 2) **Where HOLINESS (Jesus-like CHARACTER) is PURSUED**: Hebrews 12:14ac. See also: Matthew 5:8; 2 Corinthians 7:1
- 3) **Where GRACE TRANSFORMATION is EXPECTED**: Hebrews 12:15ab; Hebrews 3:13; 2 Corinthians 6:1. See also: Heb. 3:12, 10:24-25
- 4) **Where both IDOLATRY and SPIRITUAL PRESUMPTION are REJECTED**: Hebrews 12:15ac; Deuteronomy 29:18–19
- 5) **Where we TREASURE our SPIRITUAL BIRTHRIGHT of FREEDOM from sin**: Hebrews 12:16. See also: Genesis 25:29-34; Galatians 5:1
 - a) **If we DESPISE our SPIRITUAL BIRTHRIGHT we may prove ourselves to be COUNTERFEIT BELIEVERS beyond REPENTANCE**: Hebrews 12:17. See: Genesis 27:34-38
 - b) **God's PROMISES bring us FREEDOM and TRANSFORMATION**: 2 Peter 1:4

Gospel In Life Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE**: WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS**: HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS**: WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE**: WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM**: WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?