

## **Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews**

### **Lessons In Discipline That Will Bring Holiness, Lesson 25**

- Hebrews 12 - God's chapter on child training.
  - A chastening chapter = paideia (child-training)
- When discipline comes our way we must realize we are not alone.
- If you are to endure discipline you must lay aside encumbrance and sin.
- If you are to endure discipline you must fix your eyes on Jesus.
- Discipline is the proof of your relationship with God.
- If you are to endure discipline you are to strengthen yourself and straighten your paths.
  - Hebrews 12:10-11: "For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."
  - Hebrews 12:12-13: "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is impaired may not be dislocated, but rather be healed."
  - Hebrews 12:1-3: "Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."
  - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as to avoid hitting air but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."
    - Hupo opazio = blow under the eye in boxing
    - Adokimos = without approval
  - Hebrews 12:12-13: "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is impaired may not be dislocated, but rather be healed."
  - Isaiah 35:1-4: "The wilderness and the desert will rejoice, And the desert will shout for joy and blossom; Like the crocus It will blossom profusely And rejoice with joy and jubilation. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, The majesty of our God. Strengthen the exhausted, and make the feeble strong. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you."
  - Isaiah 35:5-6,10: "Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened, And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped. Then those who limp will leap like a deer, And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy. For waters will burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.... And the redeemed of the Lord will return

And come to Zion with joyful shouting, And everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.”

- Isaiah 40:28-31: “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”
- Isaiah 41:10-13: ““Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand...For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15: “We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.”
- When you are under discipline, you are to pursue peace and holiness.
  - Hebrews 12:14: “Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”
  - When you are under pressure you can get irritable and contentious, so pursue peace.
  - When you are under pressure you can take the easy way out and turn to another resource other than God, therefore pursue peace.
  - 1 Corinthians 1:30: “But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”
  - Hebrews 10:14: “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.”
  - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?...Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”
  - Ephesians 5:5-6: “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”
- If you are to endure discipline don’t come short of the grace of God.
  - Hebrews 12:15-17: “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that there be no sexually immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.”
  - Hebrews 6:4-6: “For in the case of those who have once been enlightened...and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.”
  - II Corinthians 7:8-10, A godly sorrow that leads to repentance and an earthly sorrow that leads to death.
  - Hebrews 12:22: “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels.”
- If you are to endure discipline, don’t refuse Him who is speaking.