

Today's Man: Applying God's Discipline

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Pro 3:11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof,
Pro 3:12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

SUMMARY:

Discipline in life no matter where it comes from is something that many of us “love to hate.” Solomon here says that one way a father’s true love is expressed is when he disciplines his child. A man who desires to accept God’s wisdom will grasp how the Father’s purpose and love is received through discipline.

NOTES:

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DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: Describe your attitude towards being disciplined as a kid by parents, teachers, and other authorities in your life?

Why do you think Solomon here says, “don’t despise the Lord’s discipline?”

In what ways can discipline really show love?

In what ways have you been instructed or corrected through discipline in your life? How did you know it was the Lord’s discipline?

(close discussion time with prayer)

APPLICATION:

Pick an area in your life that needs the discipline of the Father’s instruction or correction. (your life as a husband, father, businessman, neighbor, in the community, in the church, etc.)

In that area what has the Lord told you to do that you haven’t yet done? Do you need more instruction? How is the Lord using correction to bring you to where you need to be with Him?

ON YOUR OWN...

Scriptures for reference:

Instruction: Proverbs 1:3; 1:7; 6:23; 8:10; 12:1

Correction: Proverbs 9:8; 12:1; 13:18; 15:10; 29:1