

# **‘God’s Discipline - Summary’**

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**b. Are we supposed to live “Afraid”  
of God?**

**> NO.**

**> We’re supposed to live in  
“Repentance”.....**



**c. If we are not in an attitude of  
“Repentance” /“Submission”:**

- > We should have a good healthy Fear of what could be coming our way, because we're vulnerable.....**
- > We should be especially be Afraid of judgment day.**

**d. HOWEVER - When we repent, there is no Fear beyond Awe and Respect for God that should remain - We're forgiven.**

- There still may be some earthly consequences from our poor choices and actions,**



**- But, ALL THE DREADFUL TYPE OF FEAR OF THE LORD AND CONDEMNATION MUST LEAVE, ALL THAT SHOULD REMAIN IS THE REVERENTIAL AWE AND RESPECT ASPECT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD.**

**- God is now going to ask you / already is asking you to follow him - move on where you have been living.**



**- This will require growth / maturing & obedience / submission.**

- **If you refuse > You will find yourself coming under God's Discipline.**
- **This is nothing new >> You just never recognized it before.**



# **God's Discipline**

- a. Stages of Spiritual Growth**
- b. Flow of Authority / Church Structure**
- c. God's Loving Discipline**

# **Stages of Christian Growth: (4 Messages)**

**Martyr**

**Leader of People (Elder)**

**Minister to People (Deacon)**

**Disciple**

**Follower**

**Believer**



# 1 Timothy 3:6 (AMP)

[6] He must not be a new convert, or he may [develop a beclouded and stupid state of mind] as the result of pride [be blinded by conceit, and] fall into the condemnation that the devil [once] did. [Isa 14:12-14.]

**(3504)**

**from 3501 and a derivative of  
5453; newly planted, i.e.**

**(figuratively) a young convert  
("neophyte"):--novice.**



# **Church Structure (Flow of Authority). (Also 4 Messages)**

**Why was this important?**

**(#1) Because unless we learn to come under authority, we will not grow out of the believer stage.**

**(#2) First step out of believer is  
Follower.**

- To follow God, or anyone else, we will need to learn submission, obedience, doing the will of another.**



**Ships don't sink  
because of the water around  
them; ships sink because of the  
water that gets in them. Don't  
let what's happening around  
you get inside you and weigh  
you down.**



# **God's Loving Discipline. (21 Messages)**

- God's Love**
- Love & Sin**
- Child vs. a Son**
- A huge handout on infant, child, son  
(74 Pages)**
- Sonship and Sin**



# **God's Loving Discipline. (21 Messages)**

- Instruction, Correction, Discipline, Punishment**
- Overcoming Fear**
- Doctrines of Demons and the current teachings**
- What does God's Discipline Look Like?**
- What does God do when he Disciplines us?**

**> “When’s the last time I disciplined you?”**

**> “You do believe I Love you, don’t you?”**



# Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

## **Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)**

**[2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. [3] Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**



**Hebrews 12:4-8 (NIV)**

**[4] In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

- 2. Why does he Discipline us?**
- a. So that we stop the choices, attitudes, behaviors.**
  - b. So we develop Self-Discipline.**



## **Hebrews 12:4-8 (NIV)**

**[4] In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. [5] And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,**

**[6] because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” [7] Endure [hardship as] discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? [8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.**



**“Do not make light” (NIV) - - “Despise” (KJV)**

**(#3643)**

**from a compound of 3641 and ora ("care");  
to have little regard for, i.e. to disesteem:--  
despise.**

**v. 5b - “Do not lose heart when he rebukes you”**



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**> In NT > only marriage in the Kingdom, is our marriage to Jesus.**

**(Ephesians 5:22-33; Rev. 19:7-9)**

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**> Because of the way the New Covenant is set up, I'm not sure that point applies to us in the New Testament.**

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**> In the NT - The only ruling and reigning that is emphasized has to do with establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. It's dealing with spiritual / supernatural activity.**

**> What is the discipline / punishment.....?**

**(#1) Immediate Affect:**

**Loss of supernatural support so that we  
can rule and reign on this earth.**

**(The promises / supernatural do not  
work for them.)**



**(#2) Our Future:**  
**Loss of Bride Status.**

**(We will likely not be in the group  
of People who are in the Bride)**

# **3 reasons in New Testament why prayers are not answered**

**(#1) Unbelief (believing the wrong thing)**

**- Hebrews 3 & 4**



**(#2) Sin / Disobedience**

**- Hebrews 3 & 4**

**(#3) Refusing God's Discipline**

**(Illegitimate son)**

**- Hebrews 12**

# **Question: How do you know if God is Disciplining you?**

- Are you in sin....., willful Disobedience.....??**
  - Ask the Holy Spirit > He will talk to you.....**
- (Don't expect some Big Thing.....)**



## **Acts 17:29-31 (AMP)**

**[29] Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, [of the nature of] a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.**

# **Acts 17:29-31 (AMP)**

**[30] Such [former] ages of ignorance God, it is true, ignored and allowed to pass unnoticed; but now He charges all people everywhere to repent (to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins),**



# **Acts 17:29-31 (AMP)**

**[31] Because He has fixed a day when He will judge the world righteously (justly) by a Man Whom He has destined and appointed for that task, and He has made this credible and given conviction and assurance and evidence to everyone by raising Him from the dead. [Ps 9:8; 96:13; 98:9.]**

# **Laymans' Definition:**

- **Discipline: Forward progress stops; benefits withheld.**

**Something happens in our lives that stings.**

- **Punishment: Backward slide; benefits are lost.**



# Hebrews 12:9-13 (NIV)

[9] Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.

How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

**[10] Our fathers  
disciplined us for a little while  
as they thought best; but God  
disciplines us for our good,  
that we may share in his  
holiness.**



**[11] No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

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View Rich Edit Text Edit Hebrews 12:7

v. 7 - "If you endure chastening"

v. 5 - "Do not despise"

v. 9 - "shall we not much rather be in subjection"

"Hardship" - This word or concept doesn't seem to be in the Greek.

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## Hebrews 12:18-29 (NKJV)

**[18] For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, [19] and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.**



# Hebrews 12:18-29 (NKJV)

[20] (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” [21] And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

**[22] But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, [23] to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, [24] to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.**



**[25] See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, [26] whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.”**

**[27] Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

**[28] Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**

**[29] For our God is a consuming fire.**



# **Isaiah 11:2-3 (NKJV)**

**[2] The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The Spirit of counsel and might,  
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.**

# Isaiah 11:2-3 (NKJV)

**[3] His delight is in the fear of the LORD,  
And He shall not judge by the sight of  
His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of  
His ears;**



# Isaiah 33:5-6 (NIV)

[5] The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. [6] He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

**- Ephesus**

**Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)**

**[4] Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. [5] Remember the height from which you have fallen!**

**Repent and do the things you did at first.**

**If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.**



# **- Smyrna**

## **Revelation 2:10-11 (NIV)**

**[10] Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.**

**[11] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.**

**- Pergamum**

**Revelation 2:16 (NIV)**

**[16] Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**



# **- Thyatira**

## **Revelation 2:20-25 (NIV)**

**[20] Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. [21] I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.**

**[22] So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. [23] I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.**



**[24] Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you):**

**[25] Only hold on to what you have until I come.**

# **- Sardis**

## **Revelation 3:1-3 (NIV)**

**[1] “To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2] Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God.**



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**[3] Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.**

**- Philadelphia**

**Revelation 3:8 (NIV)**

**[8] I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.**



## **Revelation 3:10-12 (NIV)**

**[10] Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. [11] I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. [12] Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.**

## **- Laodecia**

### **Revelation 3:15-17 (NIV)**

**[15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!**

**[16] So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.**



# **Revelation 3:19-22 (NIV)**

**[19] Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. [21] To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

# **Deuteronomy 30:6 (AMP)**

**[6] And the Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being, that you may live.**



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**Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)**

**[7] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.**



**Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)**

**[10] “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

# **A. What is Knowledge and Wisdom?**

**1. Knowledge is the Facts.**

**2. Wisdom is the Application of the Facts.**



## **B. What is the Fear of the Lord?**

# **Proverbs 8:13 (NIV)**

**[13] To fear the LORD is to hate evil.....**

- 1. Hating evil is where all Godly knowledge begins.**
- 2. Hating evil is where all Godly wisdom begins.**



**(H3372) - Fear > Old Testament -  
(Strong's) a primitive root; to fear;  
morally, to revere; caus. To  
frighten:--affright, be (make) afraid,  
dread(-ful), (put in) fear(-ful, -fully, -  
ing), (be had in) reverence(-end), X  
see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).**

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**(H3373) - Fear > Old Testament –  
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**from 3372; fearing; morally,  
reverent:--afraid, fear (-ful).**



**(H3374) - Fear > Old Testament –**

**(Strong's)**

**feminine of 3373; fear (also used as infinitive); morally,**

**reverence:--X dreadful, X**

**exceedingly, fear(-fulness).**

**(H3374) - Fear > Old Testament -  
(Brown-Driver-Briggs)**

**1) fear, terror, fearing**

**1b) awesome or terrifying thing**



# **(G5399) - Fear > New Testament - (Strong's)**

**from 5401; to frighten, i.e. (passively) to  
be alarmed; by analogy, to be in awe of,  
i.e. revere:--be (+ sore) afraid,  
fear (exceedingly), reverence.**

**(G5399) - Fear > New Testament - (Thayer's)**

**1) to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away)**

**1a) to put to flight, to flee**

**1b1) to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm**

**1b1a) of those startled by strange sights or occurrences**

**1b1b) of those struck with amazement**

**1b2) to fear, be afraid of one**

**1c) to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience**



# Matthew 10:28 (NIV)

**[28] Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

# **(G5401) - Fear > New Testament - (Strong's)**

**from a primary phebomai (to be put  
in fear); alarm or fright:--be afraid,  
+ exceedingly, fear, terror.**



**True Wisdom and Knowledge is  
built on the Fear of the Lord**

**A. What does that mean?**

**1. Godly Fear is to create the Knowledge & Wisdom that the rest of our life on earth is to stand upon.**



**2. What God thinks about anything and everything is the starting point / foundation for all other thoughts, plans, words, and action.**

- a. All facts (Knowledge) are measured against that.**
- b. Every application (Wisdom) of Knowledge is to be measured against that.**
- c. All reasoning, speculation, and philosophy - if it is going to be accurate - must begin with that.**



- c. The Fear of God will create true  
Wisdom and Knowledge in our lives.**
- d. One rule of thumb to know if we're in  
it or not:**
- In all our Knowledge / Wisdom,**

**> If we hate evil (anything contrary to Yahweh Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) we have Godly Fear.**



**> If we accept evil, make excuses for it, and/ or willfully choose to live in it - we don't have the Fear of the Lord, which will skew the rest of our perceptions & perspectives.**

**1. Instruction > Correction > Discipline > Punishment.**



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