

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Discipline: God's Tool for Holiness

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11

*For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.*

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REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Ephesians 6:4. How might a father provoke his children to anger?

Why are fathers specifically addressed in this verse? Why not both parents? Does this verse have any relevance to mothers? What about people who do not have children?

Read Hebrews 12:5-11. According to this passage, how does God deal with his own children? Why does he treat us this way? What is his intended outcome?

How does God's discipline of us shape and inform our own discipline of our children?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How did your parents discipline and instruct you when you were growing up? If you have children, how has your parents' approach to discipline affected your own approach?

When have you experienced God's discipline in your own life? What was the experience like, and what was the outcome?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

What does it mean to bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? Is "discipline" equivalent to correcting bad behaviour, or is there more involved in the biblical concept of discipline? What challenges do we face as we seek to put this into practice?

When we experience God's discipline, how should we respond? What are some inappropriate responses to God's loving discipline?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it look like to practice biblical discipline in our homes this week?