



DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

1 Corinthians 9:27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I should be disqualified.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Grace and peace to all,

This is the last month of 2025. Wow, how fast has this year gone by? However, we are not to end it on a bad note. No, we are finishing strong. One military Sgt. and fitness trainer that I know has a slogan, "Finish Strong." That is what we are aiming to do. Finish Strong.

In doing so, we must be mindful that the key to manifesting the Kingdom of God is...Discipline. One definition in Webster's 1828 dictionary defines discipline as: Education; instruction; cultivation and improvement, comprehending instruction in arts, sciences, correct sentiments, morals and manners, and due subordination to authority. In the above scriptures, we see how this is utilized in every area of our lives. Can you imagine a person who has allowed themselves to be instructed in their prayer life, but not in their eating? So, they binge-eat. Do you think that will have an effect on their prayer life? Why certainly it will.

Discipline is characterized as a straightening. Pointing something in the right direction and maintaining it. This is done through chastisement. The Greek word for Chastisement or Discipline is *paideia* and is pronounced: pahee-DAY-ah. I will condense it to 'PAY-DAY'. Discipline can be looked at negatively or positively. When viewed through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, we will realize that He will only correct us because He loves us. Sometimes it hurts more than at other times because we may not have been uncurled in a long time. If we saw the correction of the Lord as payday, then we would be more eager to accept it.

All of us need correction at times. All of us need discipline. Not just the young but the old alike. Whoever loves discipline, loves knowledge. Can you fall in love with it? Can you embrace it? Can you become structured to the degree that you know, because of your willingness to stay humble and not be offended when correction comes, that you will receive a great reward?

This December, let us not forget to finish strong. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas that He has been attempting to correct you in. Whether through others or by circumstances. Humble yourselves and make the necessary changes. Finish Strong.

Shalom Shalom

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