

Text: Hebrews 12:5-11

THE PROBLEM OF FORGETTING BIBLICAL TEACHING

1. A common problem
2. This can affect us adversely

THE TEACHING ABOUT CHASTENING

1. Do not despise the chastening of the Lord
2. Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him
3. For whom the LORD loves He chastens
4. And scourges every son whom He receives Hebrews 12:5-6 (Proverbs 3:11-12)

LESSONS THAT MUST BE LEARNED WELL

1. Appreciating "sonship"
 - a) If God is our Father in heaven
 - b) He reserves the right to correct us as Father
2. Understanding an earthly father-son relationship
 - a) Fathers correct their sons
 - b) This is a natural part of life
 - c) As children we give parents due respect
3. Our spiritual Father-children relationship
 - a) If we endure chastening then God deals with us as His children Hebrews 12:7
 - b) If we are without chastening, then we may be illegitimate children Hebrews 12:8
 - c) We should readily subject ourselves to the Father's chastening Hebrews 12:9
4. Some reasons why God subjects us to chastening
 - a) That we may live (as God intends for us) Hebrews 12:9
 - b) That we may be partakers of His holiness Hebrews 12:10
 - c) There are many areas of weaknesses and sins in our life that God must deal with or we would never become the kind of children He wants us to be

5. Learning how to appreciate the chastening process

- a) It is hard to cope with the pain associated with chastening
 - i) Physical pain
 - ii) Emotional pain
 - iii) Natural resistance to the chastening process
- b) It is important to look to the results
 - i) There will be the fruit of righteousness
 - ii) There will be peace that accompanies this fruit
- c) This is part of God's training
 - i) Teaching
 - ii) Chastening/ chastising

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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