

Gracious Discipline

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Hebrews 12:10-11

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I. Knowing God's Discipline (4-6)

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A. In your struggle against sin

- What is the sin?
- The sin beneath all sins
- Perspective

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B. Word of encouragement

- You have forgotten
- Two wrong responses
- This is love

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A. See it as love

- Fix your eyes on Jesus
- Discipline as love

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B. Purpose of discipline

- Not punishment
- For our good

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B. In order that we may share in His holiness

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C. A harvest of righteousness and peace

- Not pleasant at the time
- Later on, however
- Those trained by it