

— Hebrews 12.5-11 —

Biblical Parenting 5

Imitating God in the Training of Children

Heb 12.5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.” 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

* **This passage** is built on an OT passage from

_____ , which is quoted in vs 5-6 and

specifically applied to NT Christians.

* **To whom** was Hebrews written, and for what purpose?

* **Paul identifies** the hardships and afflictions these believers are going through as the _____ of the Lord for his own children.

* **How is** the Father's training of Jesus our example?

Heb 12.1 ... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Heb 5.8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

* **What is** meant by the “peaceful fruit of righteousness”? (vs 11)

Rom 5.3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

* **What is** hope in the Bible?

* **A foretaste** of _____ is what we receive from the mature character that comes from being trained by the Father as his children. And that's exactly what our _____ are supposed to be prepared for by the training we give them, following God's example.

Eph 6.4 “Fathers, ... bring [your children] up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Prov 3.1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you... 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil ... 11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

*By God's design, it is to be one seamless process, first under godly _____, then under God directly, of bringing little ones up to know, love, and walk with God in faith, wisdom, and obedience. Placing little ones under believing _____, who are themselves God's children and enrolled in his school of training, is God's own chosen way to prepare children for adult level walking with God in wisdom, love, faith, and obedience. So you see why it is so important that we as Christian parents _____ God when it comes to child training.

3) _____ (vs 7-8).

* **The Greek** *paideia*, translated "chastening," is better rendered "_____. *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* says it means "the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment)."

Two types:

* **What are** the four main categories of the elements of God's training of his children?

1) _____ (vs 5).

a) _____ (vs 5).

b) _____ (vs 6).

Mat 3.17 "This is my beloved Son, in who I am well-pleased."
(Also Mat 17.5.)

2) _____ (vs 5; also e.g. Prov 3.1-6).

* **Failure to** train our children as exemplified by the Father is a form of _____ (vs 7-8).