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“Fool Proof” Series Part 4: The Benefit of Discipline
Book of Proverbs

“Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.” Proverbs 13:18 (NIV)

A Proper Perspective of Discipline includes . . .

1. Realizing that it is for _____.

“To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.” Proverbs 12:1 (NLT)

“If you reject God’s teaching, you will pay the price; if you obey his commands, you will be rewarded.” Proverbs 13:13 (CEV)

2. Receiving & Accepting It as a _____.

“A wise child accepts a parent’s discipline; a mocker refuses to listen to correction.” Proverbs 13:1 (NLT)

“Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.” Proverbs 10:17 (NIV)

“Only a fool despises a parent’s discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.” Proverbs 15:5 (NLT)

3. Using it to Grow in _____.

“Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.” Proverbs 18:2 (NIV)

“If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.” Proverbs 15:32 (NLT)

“A single rebuke does more for a person of understanding than a hundred lashes on the back of a fool.” Proverbs 17:10 (NLT)

Steps to Developing Discipline:

1. Establish _____.

“ . . . a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.” Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

2. Learn to _____.

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)

3. _____ in Advance.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

“So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly . . . Serve the Lord alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:14, 15 (NLT)

4. _____ Along the Way.

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.” Proverbs 17:22 (NLT)