JESUS > BETTER than

Hebrews 12:4-11

[T]he Lord never makes such mistakes with His children. His discipline is always proper, always at the right time, of the right sort, and in the right degree. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 396-397

How to Respond to God's Discipline

1. Respond by remembering God _ALWAYS_ has a purpose.

A. God's discipline _CORRECTS_ my sin.

- Psalm 89:30-32

B. God's discipline _TRAINS_ me in righteousness.

- Job 1:8, 2, Job 2:3, 10, 2 Corinthians 12:7 ESV

C. God's discipline _REMINDS_ me of His Word.

2. Respond by remembering _HOW_ to respond to discipline.

- Proverbs 3:11-12

A. Do not _DESPISE_ God's discipline.

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B. Do not be _DISCOURAGED_ by God's discipline.

- Psalm 24:11 ESV, Deuteronomy 31:6, Deuteronomy 31:8

3. Respond by remembering what God's discipline _REVEALS_ about _ME_.

A. God's discipline says, He _LOVES_ me.

- Lamentations 3:31-33 ESV

An undisciplined child is an unloved child …. God's love will not allow Him not to discipline us, and His punishment is another of the many proofs of His love …. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 393-394

B. God's discipline says, I am His _CHILD_.

- Psalm 119:17

The ancient world found it incomprehensible that a father could possibly love his child and not punish him. In fact, a real son would draw more discipline than … an illegitimate child for … [that] precise reason …. ~R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews vol. 2 page 173

4. Respond by recognizing what God's discipline _PRODUCES_.

A. God's discipline produces, _LIFE_.

If your spiritual life is static and unfulfilling, it may be because you are consciously or unconsciously resisting God's discipline. If so, God's Word to you is, submit to him and begin to truly live! ~R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews vol. 2 page 173

B. God's discipline produces, _HOLINESS_.

- Romans 8:28-30

C. God's discipline produces, the peaceful _FRUIT_ of righteousness.

Discipline produces both a peaceful disposition in relationship to others … and, in general, a lifestyle that pleases God. ~Douglas J. Moo, Hebrews page 477

- Ephesians 6:11-14

How do I need to change my perspective and respond to God's discipline? _____.