

The Beauty of Discipline

Divine love on display

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Discipline trains a child to willingly submit to God's loving authority and to embrace Jesus' good news

Six exhortations that focus on God's beauty in authority and discipline

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Eph 5:1-2; Rev 3:19

Heb 12:5-11

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Proverbs 3 (esp v. 12)

Dt 8 and 2 Sam 7:14

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Isa 53:5

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Proverbs 13:24

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“Loving parents...seek to correct the faults of their children because, as the preceding unit showed [Prov 13], their children’s lives, favor, protection, healing, dignity, and prosperity are at stake”

Bruce Waltke, (*The Book of Proverbs*,
vol. 1, p. 574)

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“Unloving parents turn their backs on [their children] and hand them over to death, social ruin, public exposure, calamity, and shameful poverty”

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Chastise to prepare their heart for the gospel