

The Lord's Discipline (Aaron Osborne) – Proverbs 3:11-12 – Sermon Outline

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Key Point: *The Lord's Discipline is Pain lovingly inflicted by God to bring me out of sin and turn me to Life.*

- 1) What is the Goal and Heart of the Lord's Discipline?
 - a. Proverbs 10:17, 6:23, 3:11-12
 - b. The Lord's discipline is like guardrails in my life to keep me on the path of life. Hitting a guardrail hurts, but it is way better than going off the cliff.
 - c. It would be great if we just listened to the Lord's words, but many times we only learn the hard way, and so the Lord disciplines us out of love.
- 2) How do I know if I am experiencing the Lord's Discipline?
 - a. Hebrews 12:5-11
 - b. Principle #1: Look for the Pain - Discipline is not pleasant (Hebrews 12:11)
Key Qualifier on Pain: We can experience pain for several reasons including, the natural side-effects of living in a fallen world (e.g., aging), other people's sins and choices, and our own sins and choices. In this context, we are only talking about pain associated with our own sins and choices.
 - c. Principle #2: Look for the Sin – Discipline takes us from sin to holiness (Hebrews 12:10)
Is there some area of my life that I have been convicted about and I know the Lord wants me to change, but I am unwilling?
 - d. Principle #3: Look for the Discipline – All Christians will be disciplined (Hebrews 12:8)
- 3) How do I ignore the Lord's Discipline?
 - a. Proverbs 3:11-12
 - b. We ignore the Lord's Discipline when we blame shift, play dumb, and minimize.
 - c. We see the pain, but we don't see our responsibility, so we think God is cruel, mean, and vindictive, and we become bitter.
 - d. When I refuse to own the things that I am doing as sin, I miss hearing the voice of God.
- 4) How do I respond to the Lord's Discipline?
 - a. Jeremiah 3:12-13, 1 John 1:9
 - b. God in His nature desires to redeem us, but it requires our belief.
 - c. We must acknowledge our sin as sin, in order to hear God speaking to us.
 - d. Psalm 139:23-24 - Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.