

Bringing Out the Best In Others

Insights from Hebrews 12:4-11

Pastor Bob Johnson, Mother's day, May 10th, 2020

God's discipline is about ...

- Our _____ (Heb. 12:7-9)
- Our _____ (Heb. 12:10-11)

Parenting Principles Based on What God Is Like:

1. Choose to _____ my kids.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame ...
Psalm 103:13-14 (ESV)

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.
Proverbs 24:3 (ESV)

Proof of Understanding:

Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.
Proverbs 14:29 (ESV)

2. Choose to _____ my kids.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Psalm 145:8 (ESV)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
Romans 15:7 (NIV)

3. Choose to _____ my kids.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves ... Hebrews 12:6a (ESV)

If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him ...
Proverbs 13:24 (LB)

Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves. *Proverbs 19:18 (TEV)*

	Punishment	Discipline
Purpose:	_____	_____
Focus:	_____	_____
Attitude:	_____	_____
Result:	_____	_____

How to Discipline:

1. _____
A fool gives full vent to his anger ... *Proverbs 29:11 (NIV)*

Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather bring them up with the loving discipline ...
Ephesians 6:4 (LB)

2. _____
Don't scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying. *Colossians 3:21 (LB)*

4. Choose to _____ my kids.

- Thru A _____ (Psalm 145:9)
- Thru A _____ (Psalm 145:14)
- Thru A _____ (Psalm 145:18)

5. Choose to _____ my kids

The Lord is righteous in all his ways ... *Psalm 145:17 (ESV)*

The Lord is faithful in all his words ... *Psalm 145:13b (ESV)*

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to our fourth week of this 11 week study of Hebrews 11-13. Our last week of small groups for this season will be the last week in June.

At GPC, we are big on small groups :). May our church family grow warmer together even through this social distancing season as we connect with each other through our phones and computers.

The good news is that we don't have to wait to be physically together to meet together, develop friendships and encourage each other as we learn to apply God's truths to our everyday lives.

Getting Started:

Sunday was Mother's Day :). What are some positive memories of your mom or with your mom that still bring some encouragement today? What positive adjectives best describe your mom?

If your mom was involved in raising you, what positive memories do you have of who raised you and what was he or she like?

One of the early truths Bob shared was that God's discipline is about our future and not our past.

Speaking of our future ... what are a few long term goals or desires that you have?

A goal is something you and God can do that God is prompting you to pursue.

A desire is something that you would like to happen but it involves others to be agreeable to it.

The first 'parenting principle' based on what God is like and parents us ... is choose to understand our kids.

This is important because we are all so different!

Speaking of being different ... and 'wonderfully unique' ... what is something about you (strengths, likes, dislikes, dreams, fears ... etc.) that we might not have guessed about you?

Quick Review:

Let's re-read Hebrews 12:4-11, which was the text that Bob taught from last Sunday.

Looking back at your notes from this passage, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, confused you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

Last Sunday, we were reminded of the importance of discipline or training as children of God. It is worth noting many people struggle with the word 'discipline', which could easily remind them of past punishment or something negative. The Apostle Paul helps us take a closer look at discipline in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

He gives us a racing metaphor in an attempt to help us better understand how discipline is meant to benefit us.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and reflect on his use of a race as well as any other words that catch your attention.

How does the verses below elaborate on the word 'crown' used in 1 Corinthians 9:25?

2 Timothy 4:1-8

James 1:12

1 Peter 5:1-4

What actions in the above verses is most challenging for you?

What comparison to a crown do you see in Philippians 3:12-14 and what is Paul's encouragement to his readers?

Wrapping Up:

Looking back on the message from Sunday and from our discussion, what is one truth that stands out to you that you can prayerfully ask God to help apply to your life somehow?

Praying Up: :)

Before we wrap up our sharing time, let's prayer for one another!

What are some specific requests we have that we can pray for?