

God's Ways of Discipline

by Basilea Schlink

God disciplines us out of love to educate and prepare us for our inheritance, and to transform us into His image.

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Scripture: Matthew 5:44, Matthew 10:22, Romans 12:14, Hebrews 12:7, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 2:23

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Description

In this sermon, Basile Schlink discusses the ways in which God disciplines His children. She emphasizes that God's discipline is a sign of His love and care for us. Most of the time, God disciplines us through other people and the troubles and difficulties they bring into our lives. The goal of this discipline is to show us our sins and lead us to repentance. Schlink encourages listeners to endure and be thankful for the discipline, as it is a means for God to transform us into His image.

Transcript

God lives and works today. We can see this especially when we think about the time and effort He takes to discipline us. God is love, and He has only the best in mind for His children.

However, just like all children, we need to be educated and disciplined so that we can receive the inheritance and heritage of our Father. Listen to the following meditation by Basilea Schlink called, God's Ways of Discipline. In Hebrews chapter 12, the Apostle writes to his congregations, It's for discipline that you have to endure.

God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his Father doesn't discipline? But how does God discipline His children? Most of the time, He disciplines us through other people, and through the troubles and difficulties they bring us. Who brings you the most trouble in your life? Have you ever thanked God for this person? When we're in God's school of discipline, that is, when other people start to cause us problems, a battle begins.

Something rises up in our hearts to rebel or to lash out. Or perhaps we become discouraged and want to give up. When a person doesn't understand us, treats us unjustly or simply causes us distress, the Lord has a definite goal in mind.

What is this goal? God wants to show us our sins. Therefore, let us pray, Lord, let me recognize my sins and come to repentance over them. Help me to stop looking so much at the sins of other people.

Under the burden of my own sins, help me to learn to love and bear those around me. Then our own suffering and irritation will decrease, and the Father in heaven will provide a solution for all of our difficulties. When God disciplines us in this way, we shouldn't give up, but patiently endure.

God is dealing with us as true sons. Therefore, when people make life difficult for us, to rebel is foolishness. We should give thanks.

God has thought up such ways of discipline for us because He cares so much about us. He wants to transform us into His image. So let's say yes to the Father for His ways of discipline, and let's thank Him for this, His great love to us.

Father, I thank You for guiding my way. Father, I thank You for care every day. Father, I thank You for all I can see.

Father, I thank You for thinking of me. Father, I thank You in midst of my pain, for You turn suffering and grief into gain. It is in love that You discipline me.

Goodness and blessing the ending will be. I will abide by whatever You do, dying and suffering, accepting anew. I kiss the hand that is chastening me, for it is training and healing I see.

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