

PAIN WITH A PURPOSE

Hebrews 12:5-11 p. 975

- I. GOD'S DISCIPLINE PROVES HE LOVES YOU (HEBREWS 12:5-8; PROVERBS 3:11-12).
 - God's discipline (12:1-11) = Anything hard God allows or causes (due to our sin or others), which He intends to help us mature.
 - A. Don't despise discipline since it serves a purpose (5).
 - B. Be encouraged by discipline because it shows God loves and accepts you as His child (6; 1 John 3:1).
 - C. Accept the discipline God uses to train you as sons (7-8).

- II. LEARN TO TRUST GOD'S DISCIPLINE PLAN FOR YOU (HEBREWS 12:9-10).
 - A. Learn to respect and submit to God's plan for hard things (9).
 - B. Trust that God uses all hard things for our good because He want to grow us in holiness (10).

- III. THE PAIN OF GOD'S DISCIPLINE PRODUCES GODLINESS AND PEACE IN YOU (HEBREWS 12:11).
 - A. Discipline is always painful, not pleasant at the time (11a).
 - B. God's discipline will produce righteousness and peace because life is better when we are trained to be holy (11b).

