

# University Heights Baptist Church

*Ambassador's Class.*  
Loving, Growing, Sharing

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## *Andy on Life*

(Opie and the Spoiled Kid)

### INTRODUCTION

What does the parent mean, "This is going to hurt me more it hurts you?" Lam 3:31-33; Isa 63:9

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Heb 12:4-11; Proverbs 22:15

1. How does God discipline His children? Why? Ps 89:30-34, 2 Cor 12:7-10; Job 2:6
2. What is the difference between God's discipline and his judicial punishment?
3. How can we tell the difference between God's correction, protection or education? Why do we (should we) care? What might help? Heb 12:5
4. When God disciplines, is He acting more like a judge or a Father? Rom 8:1
5. Many times Christians know what to do and yet they willingly sin. What kind of response should they expect from God? 2 Sam 12:10
6. What are the common responses and products to God's discipline? Vv 9-11
7. What extreme measure could God take if discipline isn't accepted? Dt 21:18-21; 1 Jn 5:16
8. How can discipline reassure us of our relationship to Him? Prov 13:24
9. How does God "feel" when we repent? 1 Jn 1:9 Why?

### APPLICATION

How can you better appreciate God's discipline?

**The key word of 12:4–11 is discipline, used both as a noun and a verb. It is from the Greek *paideia*, which, in turn, comes from *pals* ("child") and denotes the training of a child. The word is a broad term, signifying whatever parents and teachers do to train, correct, cultivate, and educate children in order to help them develop and mature as they ought. It is used nine times in these eight verses.<sup>1</sup>**

**When we discipline our children, even for something serious, we do not put them out of the family. We discipline them to correct their behavior, not to disown them. Neither does God put us out of His family when He disciplines us, His children. He wants to draw us deeper into the fellowship of His family.<sup>2</sup>**

**Form the habit of heading His *taps* and you will be less likely to receive His *raps*.**

**Arthur Pink**

<sup>1 2</sup> MacArthur, J. (1996). *Hebrews* (385, 385). Chicago: Moody Press.