

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

John & Suzanne Kurtz | Tanzania



PRAISE

- Thank God for His faithfulness through the Kurtz families first full year of deputation. They had the opportunity to minister and partner with church in 9 different states, receiving 71% of the needed support.
- Praise God for the birth of their third daughter, Hannah.
- Praise God for His peace and the confirmation of their calling to Tanzania.

PRAY

- Pray for safe travels and endurance as they are on the road nearly every weekend.
- Pray for wisdom, timing, and smooth preparation for departure to Tanzania.
- Pray that the Kurtz family can raise the last 29% of the needed support and they can begin their ministry in Tanzania soon.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Handout: 06/14/26

Study Date: 06/21/26

Five Characteristics Of God’s Fatherly Discipline

Hebrews 12:6 is a profound verse that touches on the nature of God’s love and discipline. When we look closely at this verse, we see that it presents a vital truth about our relationship with God. The verse begins by stating that the Lord disciplines those He loves. This means that God’s corrective actions are rooted in His love. It is similar to how a parent would discipline a child. Parents who genuinely care for their child would correct and guide them to grow into responsible individuals. Likewise, God’s discipline serves a purpose; it helps shape our character and leads us to spiritual maturity.

This process is not easy; it often comes with challenges and hardships that may make us question our status as His children. However, it is crucial to understand that discipline does not signify rejection or abandonment. Instead, it signifies the opposite. God, as a loving Father, commits Himself to our growth and wellbeing. He desires for us to grow, become stronger in faith, and ultimately fulfill the purpose He has for our lives.

One of the primary lessons we glean from this verse is that discipline is not an enemy but an ally. In life, we often view challenges as obstacles. On the contrary, they serve as opportunities for learning and growth. We must understand that God uses these circumstances not to punish us but to mold us into better individuals. Recognizing God’s love in discipline helps re-shape our perspective toward life’s trials.

Secondly, trials are not signs of our failure but avenues for spiritual enrichment. Just as athletes train, facing obstacles enhances our strength and resilience. Each challenge we face can lead us closer to Jesus. Embracing trials as God’s guiding hand enables us to grow in our faith. Our spiritual journeys are often filled with moments that challenge us, but within those moments exists purpose.

Finally, we can learn about our identity as children of God. This verse reminds us that we belong to Him and are cherished. God’s discipline reinforces that He cares deeply for us. The relationship we share is not conditional. There is grace and love involved. Thus, acknowledging that we are dearly loved children enhances our understanding of God and encourages our efforts to grow in faith.

Resource: Christianitypath.com

KEY VERSE

Hebrews 12:6 (NKJV)

“For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

Read Hebrews 12:4-13 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Hebrews 12:6

Introduction

1. What valuable lesson do we learn from Hebrews 12:6 in regard to our relationship with our Lord? Why does He “*chasten*” us?
2. The last 3 paragraphs on page 1 give us valuable insight as to the benefits we receive through being disciplined. Which of these do YOU value most?

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:4-6; Proverbs 3:12

God’s Discipline Confirms His Love

3. How does Proverbs 3:12 stand as a confirmation of God’s love for us as His children? Why should we take comfort in this verse?
4. Hebrews 12:5 states: “*My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord.*” Are there times when YOU despise His chastening?

Wednesday: Hebrews 12:7-8; Proverbs 13:24

God’s Discipline Identifies Us As His Children

5. What does Hebrews 12:7 convey to us in the statements: “*God deals with you as with sons?*” Why does *His discipline* make us His children?
6. What is the valuable lesson Proverbs 13:24 is teaching us in the statement; “*Whoever spares the rod hates his son?*”

Thursday: Hebrews 12:9-10

God’s Discipline Reveals The Honor He Deserves and Results In Our Holiness

7. As a child my father was a believer in discipline. He did not spare the rod and he commanded my respect. How were YOU disciplined as a child?
8. Hebrews 12:9 uses the connection between our “*human fathers*” and our Father in heaven. How much “more” should we be in subjection to Him?
9. It has been said by many that if we are not punished we will not learn, Amen? How does chastening (or lack of) impact our holiness? (Heb. 12:10)

Friday: Hebrews 12:11; Proverbs 23:13-14, 29:17

God’s Discipline Brings Righteousness And Peace

10. Hebrews 12:11 considers at first the joy of “*no chastening,*” but goes on to reveal *what outcome* for “*those who have been trained by it?*”
11. I (Sean) recently had a discussion with my 16 year old son, who *thanked* me for “being hard” on him. How can Proverbs 29:17 impact your life?
12. As a parent, how many times have you withheld discipline from your child? As God disciplines us, we must discipline them! (Prov. 23:13-14)