

Divine Delight and Discipline

Scripture: Proverbs 3:11–12

Series: **The Way of Wisdom**

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Overview

Behind God's discipline is his love and our good. We must not despise his discipline but embrace it by seeing both God's heart and purpose in it. As we embrace his discipline through self-examination and repentance, we'll experience deeper communion with Christ. In all of this, we can have confidence that God's discipline is for our good because Christ has already bore the very wrath of God against our sin.

Corroborating Texts

John 9:1-3, Proverbs 12:1, Hebrews 12:5-11, Psalm 139: 23-24, Revelation 3:19-20

Discussion Questions

1. What do you first think of when you hear the word "discipline"? What are some of the ditches we can fall into when thinking about God's discipline?
2. Are there times in your life where you feel like you've experienced God's discipline? Did you see it as that in the moment? How did you respond to it?
3. What keeps us from experiencing the benefits of God's discipline?
4. What's God's ultimate purpose in our pain/affliction? How does knowing that help us endure in the affliction?
5. Why is it so essential to remember that not all afflictions are God's discipline? What's the danger in believing that?
6. What does it look like practically to embrace God's discipline in our life? What are the benefits we receive as we embrace it?
7. How does the wrath-bearing death of Christ give us confidence as we're being disciplined?