



The Problem of Parenting Hebrews 12:4-11

Introduction

Review

1. God's training is difficult. v. 4.
2. God's training is motivated by His love. v. 5, 6
3. God's training assures us of our relationship to God. v. 7, 8
4. God's training is better than the training we received from our parents. v. 9, 10
5. God's training helps even though it hurts. v. 11

Application:

Our Responses

Our Benefits

Discussion Questions:

- Tell about a difficult discipline situation you had either as a parent with a child, or as a child with a parent. What was going on? Why was it difficult?
- What are some of the "natural" responses we have to suffering? How do we acknowledge when we're hurting without losing faith that God is working on us?
- What do the following verses say about God's training? Ps. 89:30-34; Ps. 119:67,71; Lam. 3:19-39; Jer. 4:6; Amos 3:6; Matt.5:10-12; James 1:2,3; 1 Peter 3:14; 4:14.
- When facing suffering, how do you know when to humbly submit to it and when to courageously fight it? (James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:6-9 have *both!*)
- What are some of the things God has used to "train" you? Tell of a time when God "rebuked" or "corrected" you. How did you respond? Have you seen any benefits yet?