

GOD'S DISCIPLINE

I Cor 11:30-32; Heb 12:4-13

Introduction:

- A. Questions to consider - Has God ever disciplined you? How do you know when He is? How far will God go in keeping us?
- B. Let's learn about God's discipline and determine to r_____ immediately whenever we are disciplined by Him.

God disciplines His c_____

- A. God does not i_____ our sin, but He f_____ it.
 - 1. Forgiveness happens i_____
 - 2. God does not w_____ for us to repent before forgiving us – He cleanses us from ALL unrighteousness (1 Jn 1:9).
- B. How can you know if God is disciplining you?
 - 1. You might think that God is disciplining you and be w_____ (this is common)
 - 2. But you will never experience God's discipline without knowing it.
 - a. Jonah knew that he was being disciplined by God for refusing to p_____ to the Ninevites (Jonah 1 & 2)
 - b. The Corinthians knew that they were being disciplined by God (1 Cor 11:30).
- C. Do not take lightly the discipline of God (Heb 12:5)
 - 1. It usually starts with g_____
 - 2. He may bring a_____ into your life if you persist in sin (Heb 12:12,13)
 - 3. But understand that all discipline is out of l_____ for us as His children (Heb 12:6-8)

God disciplines for a p_____

- A. God disciplines us to prevent us from being c_____ (1 Cor 11:21,32)
 - 1. He gave us e_____ life at the moment of faith.
 - 2. God will c_____ His work of salvation in all His children (Phil 1:6).
- B. God disciplines us to r_____ to a useful condition
 - 1. God does not enjoy the m_____ of discipline.
 - 2. God enjoys the r_____ of discipline.
 - a. Restores the j_____ of our salvation to us.
- b. Restores our u_____ to Him.