

LIFE Group Guide

Family Discipline

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Proverbs 23:12-19, 25-26



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Read: Read Proverbs 23:12-19, 25-26

Outline:

- **Da-at(h):** God's description (or knowledge) of something (Da-ath)
- **Mu-sar:** good instruction forcefully applied for the inherent reward with painful, humiliating consequences if ignored. "Paideia" in New Testament Greek

Discipline for you and others:

1. Love requires wise discipline and desires repentance. (v.13 & Rev 3:19)
2. Carefully introducing pain, godly humiliation, and discomfort can save them from far worse. (v. 14)
3. Discipline goes for the heart (inner thoughts). (vv. 15 & 26)
4. Discipline anticipates a celebration of obedience. (vv. 16 & 25)
5. Discipline's intent should be to cut off the envy of sinners and introduce fear of the Lord. (v. 17)
6. Discipline encourages endurance and points the way to hope and great reward. (vv. 18 & 25)

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. How would you define discipline? How are discipline and knowledge related?
3. What is the goal of discipline? How do you see God using discipline in the Bible?
4. Discipline looks to affect the heart – not just behavior. How does discipline that goes after the heart look different than discipline that just seeks to modify behavior?
5. Discipline and encouragement should go hand in hand. What ways can you introduce encouragement alongside discipline?