

PERSUASIVE CHASTENING FOR THE RACE OF LIFE pt 2
(Hebrews 12:3-11)

From Hebrews 12 we have gleaned...

1. We need to realize that we are running the race that God has set before us!
2. We need to keep in mind the witness of those who successfully ran before us (chp. 11)
3. We are urged to lay aside every weight & the sin that easily hinders our progress in the race of life!
4. We need to run with steadfast endurance in light of the long haul before us.
5. We need to be looking unto Jesus in the race that is set before us!
6. We are encouraged to earnestly consider Him who endured such hostility, lest during the Christian life race we become discouraged in our minds!
7. We are not to _____ the exhortation that speaks to us as God's _____.
 - This exhortation speaks to us about God's " _____ " (paideia)
 - "Chastening/discipline" (paideia) is a key word found in this passage ___ x and it means to " _____ ", to " _____ ", to " _____ ", or to " _____ "
 - a. Divine discipline is _____ (12:5; Proverbs 3:11-12)
 - b. Divine discipline is not the _____ God's _____ ! (Hebrews 12:5-11; Revelation 19:11-16; John 3:36)
 - God's *discipline* seeks the believers _____ & it is _____ in nature, while God's *wrath* is reserved for the _____ and it has _____ consequences in _____ ! (Jn. 3:36)
 - c. Divine discipline carries _____ commands we are to heed:
 - 1) Do not _____ the _____ of the Lord (12:5b)
 - 2) Nor be _____ when you are _____ of Him!
 - d. What are some _____ to not *despise* or *be discouraged* by God's chastening in our lives?
 - 1) Divine discipline proves the _____ for us (12:6)
 - How does God do this?
 - a. By _____ you with His eternal _____ !

b. By allowing you to _____ what you have _____ (passive discipline)

c. By _____ & even _____ every son he receives

*How should we view this word “scourging”?

2) Divine discipline ensures the believer of their “_____” with God (12:7-8)

3) Divine discipline _____, _____, & _____ our relationship with God in the Christian life (12:9)

4) Divine discipline is _____ in contrast to “for a _____” of human discipline, and it has our _____ & _____ in view (12:10)

5) Divine discipline, though initially _____, is ultimately _____ (12:11)

• This passage presents 4 possible responses to chastening/discipline:

1) We can _____ it (12:5a) & then become _____ from it (12:15)

2) We can _____ under it & fail to _____ in light of it (12:5b)

3) We can _____ it (12:7)

4) We can be spiritually _____ by it for _____ sake (12:11)

• So how are you responding to what God is seeking to accomplish in your life?