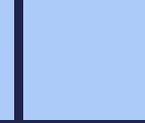


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- <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?
- "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives."
- <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

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- <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them.
- Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.
- <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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- *Padeia* – instruction with the goal of maturity  
*Elegcho* – rebuke with the goal of repentance  
*Mastigo* – indicates pain and suffering
  - *Not for retribution but remedial* (corrective, helpful, educative)

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- **Reasons for God’s discipline of us:**
- It is evidence that we are saved (v. 6-8)
- It is for our profit and welfare. (v. 10)
- It is for our cleansing from sin. (v.11)

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## ■ NOW WHAT?!

- What is our reaction, response, attitude to the Lord's discipline?
- Don't despise the discipline of the Lord. Be thankful for it.
- Submit to it. Repent. Confess sin.
- Don't be surprised by the discipline of the Lord. Expect it. Ask for it.