

Phil 3:12-14: Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

d. Embrace prioritizing other's _____

Rom 12:3: For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think

Rom 14:20-21: Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles

e. Embrace the _____

1 Cor 9:24-27: Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified

2 Tim 4:8: in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Jam 1:12: Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Rev 22:12: Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

Discipline

2 Tim 1:7: For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline

1. Disciples need _____

Dictionary definition: train (someone) to obey rules or a code of behavior, using punishment to correct disobedience OR to train oneself to do something in a controlled and habitual way.

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Mark where you feel you are on this continuum:

Undisciplined Slightly Disciplined Disciplined

Spiritual Discipline includes HOPE's 6 practices of a Devoted follower: Worship (with your church family), Devotions (personal learning & prayer time with God), Giving (moving towards tithing & generosity), Serving (both with your church family & community); Relationship Building (in a small group) & Evangelizing (in both near & far settings)

Undisciplined Slightly Disciplined Disciplined

Physical Discipline includes eating habits, exercise, sleep and body care

Undisciplined Slightly Disciplined Disciplined

Financial Discipline includes using money to pay bills & save responsibly

Undisciplined Slightly Disciplined Disciplined

Relational Discipline includes spending time communicating, being honest, investing in others

2. God, brings discipline . . .

Josh 3:5: ⁵Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

Dan 1:8: But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

1 Tim 4:7-8: train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

like a parent, disciplines his _____

Heb 12:6: because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

Pro 3:12: because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Job 5:17-18: "Blessed is the man *whom God corrects*; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal."

like a gardener, prunes to bear _____

John 15:2: He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

like a coach, trains his _____

Rom 12:5-13: ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, ⁷ according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if ⁸ service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with ⁹ liberality; he who ⁹ leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; ¹⁰ give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in

tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the ¹³ saints, ¹³ practicing hospitality.

3. If God delights in discipline, how can I?

a. Embrace the _____ work

2 Cor 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Gal 5: 22-24: ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires

b. Embrace the _____ power

2 Tim 3:16-17: All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Psalms 119:9-11: How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

c. Embrace _____, trials & forward progress

Rom 13:14: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Rom 5:3-5: And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Jam 1:2-4: ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, ³ whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.