**Raising Children**

**Hebrews 12:1–13 (NLT)**

Discipline: training that corrects, molds, or perfects the moral character.

1. **God the Father disciplines to correct.**

* Everyone needs correction because we are born with a sinful nature.
* ‭‭Proverbs‬ 3:11-12‬ NLT
* Correction reveals the Father’s love.
* Don’t reject the Father’s corrections.

1. **God the Father disciplines to mold.**

* God molds us through the trials of life.
* Hebrews 5:7–8 (NLT)
* God uses the hardships of life to mold us into His image.
* Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NLT)
* Let the hand of God mold your life, not your self interests.

1. **God the Father disciplines to perfect.**

* The Father’s discipline is always good.
* Discipline is not enjoyable but it brings forth godly fruit.
* Hang on and let God discipline you so you will become better and not bitter.
* The pain of discipline is always less than the pain of regret!