

## Punishment versus Discipline

- The Greek word translated discipline is also translated instruct, nurture, and teach
  - Luke 23:16, 22 “I will therefore *chastise* Him and release him.”
  - Acts 7:22 Moses was *learned* in all the wisdom of the Egyptians
  - Romans 2:20 ...an *instructor* of the foolish, a *teacher* of babes...
  - 1 Corinthians 11:32 When we are judged, we are *chastened* by the Lord that we may not be condemned with the world
  - 2 Corinthians 6:9 ...as chastened and not killed.
  - Ephesians 6:4 ...bring them up in the *training* and admonition of the Lord.
  - 1 Timothy 1:20 ...that they may *learn* not to blaspheme.
  - 2 Timothy 2:25 ...in humility *correcting* those in opposition...
  - Titus 2:12 [the grace of God...] *teaching* us...
  - Hebrews 12:5 – 11 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons; “My sons, do not despise the *chastening* of the Lord, nor be discouraged when we are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves, He *chastened*, and scourges every son whom He receives.” If you endure *chastening*, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there that a father does not *chasten*? But if you are without *chastening*, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who *corrected* us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days *chastened* us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no *chastening* seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
  - Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and *chasten*.
  - Compare this training to Romans 5:3 – 4 and James 1:2 – 4.
- Three Greek words are translated “punish,” or “punishment.”
  - Matthew 25:46 and these will go away into everlasting *punishment*
  - Acts 4:21 Finding do way to *punish* them...
  - Acts 22:5 ...to bring in chains ... to Jerusalem to be *punished*.
  - Acts 26:11 I *punished* them often in every synagogue
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be *punished* with everlasting destruction
  - Hebrews 10:29 Of how much worse *punishment*, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot.
  - 1 Peter 2:14 ...to governors, as to those who are sent by him, for the *punishment* of evildoers
  - 2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to reserve the unjust under *punishment* for the day of judgment
  - 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves *torment*.
  - Punishment is a penalty for past behavior, not designed to correct
- Neither the just nor the unjust are punished by God in this life. The unjust will enter their punishment at Judgment.
  - God is patient (2 Peter 3:9), providing as much time as possible for the purpose of avoiding the assignment of punishment, but prefers to forgive.