



Blessed Is the Man You
Discipline, O Lord
(Trained to Choose Right Paths)

ALIVE TO THRIVE: GOD'S PATTERNS FOR BLESSING

(PART 12C)

PSALM 94:12, HEBREWS 12:1-11-29

One Sermon in Three Parts

- **1) The Blessing of God's Rods of Discipline**
- **2) Obtaining God's Blessing by Being Trained to Overcome Opposition**
- **3) Obtaining God's Blessing by Being Trained to Choose Right Paths**

10 Commands (w/ explanatory notes) to Make the Most of God's Disciplines

- 1) A life of faith is an endurance race, throw aside anything that hinders or entangles.
 - 2) Focus on Jesus & follow His example.
- 3) Accept & endure hardships in the spirit in which they are given – as tokens of our Father's love.
 - 4) View difficulties as strength training.

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- 5) God's paths are straight and often enough, straits, be careful not turn aside from them.
 - *Setting straight paths, begins with consulting God's Word.*
 - *Turning is for when you are off His paths.*
- 6) Pursue peace with all, yet maintain holiness before the Lord.
- 7) See to it no one misses God's grace & that no bitterness takes root to cause trouble & defilement.

10 Commands (w/ explanatory notes) to Make the Most of God's Disciplines

- 8) Avoid the traps of unfaithfulness – sexual or spiritual.
 - *Sexual sin incurs more discipline.*
 - *Spiritual unfaithfulness causes us to miss God's grace.*
- 9) Keep in mind that God is at work – for your benefit – do not refuse Him.
- 10) Run your race as God gives it. Run thankfully and reverently, as an act of worship.

- *Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.*

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."*

Next Time:

for Parents: 12 Components of Effective Discipline

*(finding the balance between "spare the rod & spoil the child" and
"Do not exasperate your children")*