

Admonishing

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To admonish: *Nouthesia* - "the training by word," whether of encouragement, or, if necessary, by reproof or remonstrance. [oral or written]

Is there a place for correction in the body of Christ at all?

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them;

shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:9

For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**,
Hebrews 12:6

Who wants to BE a disciple?

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Disciple:

One who practices discipline

discipline: First recorded in 1175–1225; *Middle English*, from *Anglo-French*, from *Latin disciplīna* "instruction, tuition," equivalent to *discipul(us)* "pupil, learner, trainee"

**When you hear the word discipline,
what is your primary impression of what it means?**

How do you feel about discipline? What first comes to mind?

God's discipline? - - - self-discipline?

- from another person? -

Negative connotation

Judgement

Condemnation

Trouble

Pain

Punishment

Positive connotation

Conviction

Encouragement

Repentance

Stop behavior

Course correction

Hebrews 12

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding **us**, let **us** also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles **us**, and let **us** run with endurance the race that is set before **us**,

2 fixing **our** eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the **joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as **sons**,

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;

6 For those whom the Lord loves He **disciplines**,
And He scourges every son whom He receives.

7 It is for discipline that you endure; **God deals with you as with sons**; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

JOY HESED GROUP IDENTITY HEALTHY CORRECTION in scripture:

Joy

Us

Sons

Disciplines

Hebrews 12

The 4th element of Christian character building is

Healthy Correction

Who?

What?

When?

Why?

Where?

How?

Is?

IS JESUS IN IT?

Who corrects?.....by what authority? Group identity essential element

Heb 12: 25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.

What: to correct about? What categories are permissible? Off limits?

Belief or behavior

When: private or with others?

Why correct? —>. Hebrews 12: 12 *Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.*

Proverbs 23:12 *Apply your heart to discipline
And your ears to words of knowledge*

Where non threatening surroundings. Level plane, eye to eye.

How Matthew 18: 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. **16** But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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Is Jesus part of this correction?

1. Matt 18:35 "...each of you ... **forgive** his brother from your heart."
2. **Abide** in the Fruit Of The Spirit: Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Gentleness. Faithfulness. Goodness. Self-control.
3. **Pray** Matt 18:20. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."



**"...and lo,
I am with you**

always,

**even to the end
of the age."**