

Most fathers equate loving their children with spoiling them, especially with gifts, experiences, and opportunities. As a result, many young evangelical Christians bring this same perspective with them in their expectations of God the Father. This is a great disservice done to a whole generation of Christians children in the church.

The Bible clearly teaches that it is the Christian's ability to think back on the discipline of his earthly father, equating that with love, which enables him to receive with joy the discipline of his heavenly Father. The re-creation, in the minds of so many young evangelicals of God as a doting uncle, or Santa Clause figure, whose job it is to bless them and keep them happy has its roots in the failure of so many evangelical fathers to devote the time and concentration to the training and disciplining of their children. When the 21st century young evangelical reads, "*whom the Lord loves He disciplines*", often he has no frame of reference of loving discipline. His orientation is to either indulgence or harsh punishment.

It is hoped then that this series of Daily Quiet Times Alone With God will aid the parent and the child in seeing the importance of the earthly father modeling the heavenly father in loving discipline. For sure the father should do these Quiet Times but it is hoped that at the least he will do them with his wife and in an ideal setting the whole family will do them as a part of family devotionals.

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Family: Disciplining our Earthly children / Modeling Our Heavenly Father

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 12:4 – 7

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 12:7 – 10

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 12:10 & 11

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 4:36 – 40; 8:5 & 6

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 3:11 & 12

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