

ATTRIBUTE 3: GOD'S DISCIPLINE

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

– *Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)*

1. Look up Psalm 33:5 and 119:37. What attribute of God is referenced in both verses?
2. Read Leviticus 11:45 and Matthew 5:17-18, 48. How would you describe the standard of conduct depicted in those two passages?
3. What do Ezekiel 18:20 and Romans 6:23 say are the consequences of disobedience to God's law?
4. Conversely, what are the benefits of obedience described in Psalm 45:7, John 14:21, 23 and John 15:7?
5. Read Proverbs 3:11-12 and Hebrews 12:4-11 and record your observations about the nature of fatherly discipline.

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6. What is the difference between punishment and discipline?
7. How do we live up to the standard for fatherly discipline characterized by Ephesians 6:4?
8. Think about how fatherly discipline might evolve over time. What would characterize discipline for a 3-year-old? A 10-year-old? A 14-year-old? An 18-year-old?