

## Discipline by Design

### Description

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Hebrews 12:1-12

The idea of discipline used by the author to the Hebrews is not one of the standard two words for discipline in the New Testament; athletic discipline or punishment. The word used in Hebrews 12:5-6 is an ancient Greek word which means something akin to what it takes to fully educate a man into his true self. What is being advanced here is the intention of God to train us in our conduct and behavior. Hear the Father is saying, "I want to have influence in your life."

We are warned, however, to not take this training of God *lightly*. When He seeks to modify our behavior, the Spirit is concerned that we might consider such an influence too small a thing and pay little attention to it.

For us to really take on the form of Christ, we have to be formed by the Spirit of Christ. The idea that Someone other than myself has a better understanding of my spiritual life is the primary mindset we need to heed this warning.

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