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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Discipline in the Home

By—Irven Lee

Via—The Auburn Beacon—03-13-2011

Children do not have the ability at birth to understand the language of their parents. We all realize this, but we should also understand that these little people do not know the commonly accepted rules of etiquette, nor do they recognize property rights. Each child seems to assume that anything he finds and likes belongs to him. Only gradually does he learn that some things are his and that other things are the property of others. The innocent child does not, of course, have any sense of discernment between what is morally right and what is wrong. Because of parental failure to guide or train the children many young people never come to have a definite code of morals or sensitive consciences to guide them in the way of righteousness.

While many are not trained to discern between good and evil, they could have been trained. They are as capable of developing faith, godliness, and spiritual wisdom as they are of developing physical skills and language skills from people about them. Some parents take an interest in helping their children to develop the ability to earn a living but not much concern to teach them how to live. There are many who are

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skilled in athletics, music, and in various aspects of business that are as ignorant of spiritual values as the brute beast from the jungle (2 Peter 2:12, KJV). That which is most important is lacking.

Parents must have the respect of their children or they cannot convey the value of their own knowledge and experience to them. Love, instruction, personal attention, and the proper example from parents can go a long way toward obtaining this respect. To make their word authoritative, the chastening rod is recommended by the word of God. This is not physical or mental abuse, but it is not always pleasant to the one who is disciplined or to the one who is administering it. Even the Lord chastens those He loves.

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:5-11).

We may not be able to identify the occasions when the loving heavenly Father is chastening us. Our complaining bitter attitude toward things that are beyond our control will not help. Fortunate children whose fathers love them enough to use the rod at the proper time and in the proper way grow up with special respect for their parents. Those undisciplined children cannot be pleased. No undisciplined child is ever a happy child. He is not self disciplined nor is he pleasant and cooperative in disposition. Is this not true of the unrestrained children you know? Love sug-

gests the use of the rod, but not to the unreasonable point of abuse (Proverbs 13:24; Colossians 3:20, 21). There is the very useful form of discipline that yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 13:24).

The punishment the child receives from his parents should be adequate to bring his will into subjection. Impulsively hitting the child may only aggravate the rebellious attitude. Conquer the rebel and be consistent, and there will not need to be a constant running battle. A good man should have his children in subjection with all gravity (1 Timothy 3:4, 5). There is some "know how" involved in proper discipline. Children are small for a few years so all parents should develop a skill in the use of effective discipline. Obedience is one of the greatest lessons to be taught, and here is where discipline in the home comes into its place of very great importance. An adult can buffet his own body and bring it into subjection, but a child lacks the depth of understanding to discipline himself, so his parents provide wise and effective discipline until he is trained and mature enough to see the need to control his own fleshly nature.

Tempus Fugit
By—Robert Turner
Via—The Auburn Beacon—03-11-2011

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Our seeking of God must be diligent. What does this mean? It means that we must give ourselves to the quest for God with a priority and a passion that we don't invest in any other pursuit. God must be first in our hearts. We must be ready to sacrifice anything else -- indeed *all else* -- to see *His face*. *Our hearts must be purged of any conflicting interest or competing desire.* "Blessed

are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). In our longing for God we must be utterly sincere, and in our seeking of God we must be passionately committed. He deserves no less than our all.

God's making of the world is such that we find it necessary to seek and to search for Him, but in truth *"He is not far from each one of us"* (Acts 17:27). His hiddenness in this present broken world is not meant to hinder us from finding Him, but to entice us. As He whets our appetite for Himself, God is weaning us away from our sinful, self-sufficient rebellion. He is teaching us to love Him. With convicting evidences of His power and loving tokens of His goodness, He is drawing us toward His eternal presence. *"I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love"* (Hosea 11:4). It is God's good pleasure to be found by all who long for Him in honest, obedient love.

God is not neutral with regard to the inclination of our hearts. He desires that we find Him. He yearns for those who delight in Him. *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"* (James 4:8). Yet there is a danger: we must not deceive ourselves that we are seeking God if in fact it is only certain blessings from God that we seek. *Resisting the tendency to focus on ourselves, we must learn to seek Him, simply and contentedly. When we diligently do so, our reward will be God Himself and He will fill our deepest longings according to the design of His own love. Having sought God earnestly, we will be enriched by the joy of a heart that overflows with His glory.*

Is There Any Hope?

By—David A. Cox

Via—Market Street Messenger—04-17-2011

As I watch the news, one thing is quite certain, life is filled with dire circumstances, of personal problems or natural calamities of one

kind or another. As such circumstances befall men, many times the question comes, "Is there any hope?"

The Bible teaches, *"The world passeth away, and the lust thereof"* (1 John 2:17a). Peter wrote, *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up"* (1 Peter 3:10). When one asks if there is any hope in this life and the world in which we live, the answer from the scriptures is clear; No! The sobering fact is that those who place their trust in this life and what it has to offer will be lost without any hope.

To truly answer the question, "Is there any hope?" The answer is "Yes!" This is because of Jesus Christ and his coming to earth and living a perfect life among man and sacrificing himself for us. Jesus died on the cross to redeem us from sin (Ephesians 1:7). Because of the death of Christ, we might have life (1 John 4:10). Because of Jesus' resurrection, we have a hope that lives. Peter reminded those he wrote to of this fact when he wrote, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3). So indeed, there is hope in God. The Hebrew writer refers to this hope as *"an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast"* (Hebrews 6:19). This hope is our stabilizing force through the storms of life, as an anchor is to a sea vessel on the stormy sea.

This hope is available to all who will put their trust in God (Hebrews 11:6); repent of their sins (Luke 13:3); confess Christ before men (Romans 10:9-10); be buried in baptism in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4); and live faithful lives in serving God (Revelation 2:10). John writes *"and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever"* (1 John 2:17). (emphasis—*TRH*)

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Tim Henderson
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Luke 7:1-17
Reader	Earl Miller
Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Ed Roberts
Fruit of the Vine	Nathan Marshall
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Scripture	Luke 7:18-35
Reader	Terry Smith
1st Prayer	Earl Miller
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

Wednesday

Class Prayer	John Lemal
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Invitation	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Nathan Marshall

News N Notes

- Men, don't forget the Business Meeting today
- Ladies Class tonight after services in the auditorium.
- Men's Training class tonight after services in class room 2 & 3. Tonight we're discussing the Lord's Table

Please remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Zeda Goddard is in the hospital at Weirton Hospital, room # 648
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster
- William Louthen, Charissa Erdman's grandfather. His address is: 127 10th St., Wellsburg, WV 26070
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is at home
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Kitty Morgan is back at Weirton Geriatric
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson