

God's Discipline and Sanctification

More Scripture for Our Edification

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God's Patience Is Revealed

2Peter 3:8 - 9 (NASB)

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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Discipline and Sanctification

Hebrews 12:9-11 (NASB)

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? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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An Athletic Metaphor

Hebrews 12:12-13 (NASB)

Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 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.

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We Must Pursue Sanctification

Hebrews 12:14-15 (NASB)

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

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God Will Complete the Process

Romans 8:29-30 (NASB)

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Without sanctification we will not see God in a saving way; but true Christians will see Him

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Do Not Be Like Esau!**Hebrews 12:16-17 (NASB)**

that there be no **immoral or godless** person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, **when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected**, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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Binding and Loosing**Matthew 16:18-19 (NASB)**

%also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and **whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.+**

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Peter Said Paul Wrote Scripture**2Peter 3:2, 15-16 (NASB)**

that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets **and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.** . . . and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother **Paul**, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, . . . which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also **the rest of the Scriptures**, to their own destruction.

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Paul's Teachings Are Binding

Philippians 2:12-13 (NASB)

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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Paul %Looses+What Is Not Bound

Romans 14:2-4 (NASB)

One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

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Paul %Binds+and Calls for Repentance

2Corinthians 12:21 (NASB)

I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

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They Were Devoted to Authoritative
Revelation From God

Acts 2:42 (NASB)

They were continually **devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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%Doctrine+IS Devotional!

Acts 2:42a (NKJV)

And they continued steadfastly in the **apostlesq doctrine**

%Teaching+ is *didache*_ in the Greek and can be translated %doctrine+

%If you are inclined to think that a %doctrinal book is the antithesis of a %devotional book, I hope to change your mind+(John MacArthur: *Faith Works*: 11)

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Jesus Has Spoke His Truth to Them and
They Are Thus %clean+

John 15:2, 3 (NASB)

%Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He **prunes** it, that it may bear more fruit. You are already **clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you.+

%Clean+ is *katharos* the verb form of which was used in verse 2 as %prunes+

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God Uses the Means of the Word Which Expresses God's Truth to Sanctify

John 17:17-19 (NASB)

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, **that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.**

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God Uses the Means of the Word Which Expresses God's Truth to Sanctify

2Timothy 2:19b-21 (NASB)

The Lord knows those who are His,+and, everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.+Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, **if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.**

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%Piety+Is Not %Pietism+

1Timothy 5:4 (NASB)

but if any widow has children or grandchildren, **let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family,** and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

%piety+ is *eusebeo*_ which is a verb

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%Piety+Is Not %Pietism+

2Timothy 3:5 (NASB)

holding to a form of **godliness**, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.

%godliness+ is *eusebeia* which can be translated
%piety+

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%Piety+Is Not %Pietism+

1Timothy 4:1-3 (NASB)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will **fall away from the faith**, paying attention to deceitful spirits and **doctrines of demons**, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who **forbid marriage** and advocate **abstaining from foods**, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

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The Answer to Powerless Piety Is Scripture

2Timothy 3:16, 17 (NASB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and **profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness**; that the man of God may be adequate, **equipped for every good work**.

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