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DIVINE DISCIPLINE

Majority of Christians suffering arises from the believer's own thoughts, decisions and actions. One bad decision follows another until his life is unbearable. He makes his life a shamble of his present experience and destroys his future options. No one can destroy a person's life as much as himself. At some point in this self-destructive process, God intervenes with divine discipline.

God will not stand by while members of the royal family sink into corruption and degeneracy. Divine discipline is uncompromising measure to alert the carnal believers to their extremely bad status before God and to encourage them to rebound and reenter the divine power system.

All divine discipline is administered in grace. Ignorant believer under divine discipline may doubt that God is treating him in grace, but he could not imagine how much more he would hurt if God were not acting in grace. The perfect God knows exactly the most effective way to confront the carnal believer with the fact we are totally dependent on His grace. God severely discipline the carnal believers for their own benefit.

Divine discipline is the sum total of punitive action taken by the justice of God in grace to correct, to discipline, to encourage, to train, to alert, and to motivate the believer's free will toward the Protocol Plan of God. Divine discipline is administered exclusively to believers and occurs only in this life. There is no punishment or divine discipline after we left this world.

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you, as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (Hebrews 12:6-7).

Divine discipline is warning that the believer is outside the boundaries of God's plan. Just a basketball game is played outside the boundaries of the playing court, so the plan of God must be executed within the bounds of the divine Protocol Plan.

When a believer cuts off his fellowship with God through sin and remains in the cosmic system, God in His grace must deal with him as a child. Bible doctrine has been ignored; God must get the believer's attention through pain and misery. Divine discipline is tailored made for each individual believer (Hebrews 12:5). God treats us as individuals. Discipline is neither too light nor too severe but is just the exact duration and intensity for maximum effectiveness in each saint.

Divine discipline from the Lord is part of parental training in the royal family of God. As there is no perfect child at home, there is no perfect Christian in the royal family of God. Every child needs training to function effectively in the society. Anyone who leaves home without authority orientation makes himself a social monster that will make misery for himself and others.

No Christian is perfect, (except the humanity of Christ) and as long as the believer is in the world, he will continue to commit personal sins. As he matures spiritually, he will sin less frequently, but periodically he will give in to temptation and enter the cosmic system. Divine discipline is God's trumpet call for believers to re-enter the divine sphere and leave the cosmic system.

If the believer remains longer in the cosmic his thinking loses touch with the reality of God's protocol plan. Under prolonged cosmic influence, his arrogance will become antagonism toward God. At this point, the carnal believer is candidate for more strict divine discipline.