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Wise Discipline Proverbs 13:24

Choosing and staying on the right path in life is not something we do on our own. God's design for us is that there would be authoritative figures in our lives whose discipline helps us know and follow _____ for us in this world.

Discussion 1. For whose discipline in your life are you grateful? Why? Whose discipline helped put you on the path to following Jesus? Whose discipline has helped you know God's purposes for you in this world?

The biggest distinction between good discipline and bad discipline is the motive behind it. When that motive is _____, it is wise and good. When that motive is anything else, it is ineffective at best and may even do more harm than good.

Discussion 2. Have you ever provided discipline from a wrong motive (i.e., something other than love)? What were the results? What do you do in order to stop and check the motive of your heart before implementing discipline?

The "rod of discipline" in our lives goes well beyond merely responding to bad behavior; it also includes intentionally and strategically _____ and _____ us toward holiness.

Discussion 3. From your perspective, what kinds of things does "intentional, strategic spiritual formation" include? If you are to provide that to someone else, what does that necessarily imply about your own spiritual formation?

As we come to experience and understand God's "rod of discipline" in our lives, we begin to value it; in some cases, we even _____ in it. Wisdom leads us there.

Discussion 4. Can you recall an example from your own life when you actually took comfort in being disciplined? Why was it comforting to you? What (or who) helped you have that perspective about it?