

Heavenly Father

Children of God - Formation

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children - Ephesians 5:1 - NIV

Childishness – Sin, immaturities, un-teachable, stubborn, resistance, hardened, untrusting

Childlike – Simple faith, always growing, trusting, teachable, moldable, compliant, softhearted

Hebrews 12:1-11 – NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:1-11 – NIV

Disciple & Discipline - Both words mean to learn

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith...

Formation is a process...it is an active, future-present word.

Remove the dross from the silver, and out comes material for the silversmith - Proverbs 25:4 – NIV



“Gold cannot be refined unless it endures intense heat. A knife cannot get sharper without coming in contact with the sharpening stone. River rock does not get smoother without the constant flow of the river over it.”

Discipline – Disciple – Formation – Claymation

The Bible says we are like clay:

- Clay is molded gently (you don’t pound the clay)
- Clay must be moldable to work with
- As you work with the clay, the clay works with you
- The goal is to form the clay into a work of art.

