

In the book of Proverbs you will find many verses exhorting parents to use appropriate correction to create self-discipline in the lives of their children. Hebrews 12:5-11 says the Lord does the same to His children. Not every negative thing that befalls us is a direct chastisement, but every situation in life is an opportunity for growth. When we encounter sickness, retrenchments, thwarted plans, and various other problems in life, let us learn to ask: "What can the Lord teach me through this? How can I grow throughout this experience?"

Solomon wrote that to discipline your children is to show your love for them. In the same way, our Heavenly Father disciplines His children. When you receive discipline from God, take time to consider what He is trying to teach you, and give thanks that He loves you enough to do it.

Proverbs 13:24 "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly."