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RELATIONSHIP RENOVATION
Making Discipline A Reality
Deuteronomy 6:1-25; Hebrews 12:1-11

As God has established His foundational truths for all relationships, we need to understand what He asks of us in every relationship we have. But the most critical relationships we have are the ones we live with every day – our families. God wants our families to be more than just functional, He wants them to be holy as He designed. This can only happen when we choose to male discipline a reality in our lives. Let’s discover how.

Discipline is taking the necessary action to make God’s plan a reality in my life and family.

1. **We must have clear convictions and goals.**

“...so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.” Deuteronomy 6:2 (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.” Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)

“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

2. **We must live with consistency and focus.**

“Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you.” Deut. 6:3 (NIV)

“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.” Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

“I will be careful to live a blameless life— I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes...” Psalm 101:2-3 (NLT & NASB)

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

3. **We must exercise correction and not condemnation.**

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

“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!” Hebrews 12:9 (NIV)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God’s

way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

4. We must celebrate the victories.

“Do what is right and good in the Lord’s sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the Lord promised...” Deuteronomy 6:18 (NIV)

“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.” Hebrews 12:10 (NIV)

“Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.” Romans 16:19 (NIV)

5. We must commit for the long haul of life.

“And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.” Deuteronomy 6:25 (NIV)

“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 12:11 (NIV)

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” Philip. 3:12 (NIV)