

DISCIPLINE

Ref: Hebrews 12:1-11

The word discipline is a dominant term in this passage. The Greek word *paideias* (παιδειας) was translated as discipline. Written in the context of Jewish wisdom literature, the term meant '*a sign of a father's love for his children*'. In the Greek world the term translates '*most basic form of education containing any or all of the following; instruction, correction and punishment.*' Therefore, when you read the word discipline, try to focus on the totality of the word and not just the English meaning of the word. My interpretation, discipline is training that produces behavior modification. Is this not God's purpose when he disciplines us.