



“But God...”

Hebrews 12:4-11

- A passage of scripture about **discipline**:
 - Unpleasant, painful discipline
 - Ongoing discipline
 - Parental discipline
 - Non-interference discipline
 - Purposeful discipline

Words and thoughts from the text:

1. Run with perseverance. v. 1
2. Not grow weary and lose heart. v. 3
3. Your struggle against sin. v. 4
4. Endure hardship as discipline. v. 7
5. Discipline is unpleasant and painful. v. 11
6. God disciplines the children He loves. v. 6,7
7. God disciplines us for our good. v. 10 (*Romans 8: 28,29*)
8. Discipline is training that produces a harvest. v. 10, 11 (*James 1:2-4*)
9. Submit to the Father. v. 9

This is the context and situation in which recipients find themselves.

Possible Attitudes:

- Defeated acceptance
- Defiant unacceptance
- Self-pity
- Resentful complaint
- Trusting submission

The “But God” Principle:

When we face ongoing hardships that are unpleasant and painful, we often will view them as unnecessary intrusions into the life we are living. As the hardships continue, we grow weary and are tempted to lose heart. **But God**, as our loving Father, uses these hardships to train us up toward a Christlike holiness. Our perspectives and attitudes can change if we will submit to Him and trust His good purposes.