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PURE LOVE**

Introduction:

**Purity is
VERY IMPORTANT
to most of us...
in the areas we
CARE about.**

Text: Hebrews 12:1-15

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.

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**And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us, fixing
our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and
perfecter of faith.**

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For the joy set before him he 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 sinners, 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 have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son?

It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

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**Endure hardship as discipline;
God is treating you as his children.**

**For what children are not
disciplined by their father?**

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**If you are not disciplined---and
everyone undergoes discipline---
then you are not legitimate, not
true sons and daughters at all.**

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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 spirits and live!

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They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

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**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.**

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Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:1-15

A rightly lived Christian life
requires the disciplined
PERSEVERANCE that was
perfectly modeled by Jesus.

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Any true Christian will experience
God's occasional
CORRECTION.

God's correction can be
INTERNAL, EXTERNAL,
or **BOTH.**

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God's internal correction often
comes in the form of what we call
CONVICTION.

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God's prescription for a
CONVICTED heart includes:

WORSHIP.

PRAYER.

Personal, spiritual

BOUNDARIES.

A strong commitment to healthy,
unencumbered

RELATIONSHIPS.

Without a strong commitment to **FORGIVENESS**, roots of **BITTERNESS** will grow and spread until **LOVE** is completely choked out and nothing except **LONELINESS** and **REGRET** remains.

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Conclusion:

Anger and bitterness
are the sure signs that
forgiveness is not complete.
What is growing in YOUR heart?

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