



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis
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"The God You Long For"

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Hebrews 12:1-15 **"IS WISE"**

Do you ever feel at times that the events of life seem random, out of control and meaningless? If you are going to endure hardship you must see the loving WISE control of God. Peace is confidence in God's loving WISE control of my life. Counterfeit of peace is indifference, apathy or not caring. Opposite of peace is anxiety and worry that God isn't going to get it right.

God has the wisdom of a _____ to make you Strong. (Vv1, 11 "Trained" = Gr. to exercise vigorously (naked); James 1:2-4; 1Cor.9:24-27)

- Shock & self-pity are the results of seeing God as a _____ rather than a coach.
- Faith will not get strong unless it is _____ strategic to its needs.
- A healthy routine of _____, _____ and _____ spiritually is a necessity.

God has the wisdom of a _____ to make you Mature. (Vv5-10 "Discipline" 9x = Gr. the whole training and education of children. Matt.7:7-11; 1Thess.2:11-12)

- Everything that comes into your life is _____.
- He disciplines us for our _____ so that we can share in His _____. V10
- As children don't expect to _____ everything but remember it's not payback.

God has the wisdom of a _____ to make you Healthy. (Vv12-13 "Healed" = Gr. to cure, heal, to make whole. Luke 5:31-32; Ps.147:3)

- Gratefully _____ to His plan & unconditionally _____ His commands.

- Learn to live by _____ and not by sight (feelings). 2Cor. 5:7; Hebrews 11
 - Stay in touch with your spiritual vital signs: _____ for God & _____ for people. Vv2, 14, 15; Matt.22:34-39
- God wants to get you to the place where you are so spiritually strong, mature and healthy that no matter what happens you trust and treasure Christ above all.



Growing

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- 1) Do you ever feel at times that the events of life seem random, out of control & meaningless? What do you do to overcome those feelings? Why is it necessary that if you are going to endure hardship you must believe in God's loving wise control of your life?
- 2) Read Hebrews 12:1-15. What does it mean that God has the wisdom of a Coach to make you Strong (Vv1, 11 "Trained" = Gr. to exercise vigorously (naked); James 1:2-4; 1Cor.9:24-27)? Explain why shock & self-pity are the results of seeing God as a concierge rather than a coach? Why is a healthy routine of diet, exercise and rest spiritually a necessity for a strong faith?
- 3) What does it mean that God has the wisdom of a Father to make you Mature (Vv5-10 "Discipline" 9x = Gr. the whole training and education of children. Matt.7:7-11; 1Thess. 2:11-12)? Everything that comes into your life is lovingly Father filtered for your good to share in His wholeness whether you understand it or not. What difference would it make if you really believed that?
- 4) What does it mean that God has the wisdom of a Doctor to make you Healthy (Vv12-13 "Healed" = Gr. to cure, heal, to make whole. Luke 5:31-32; Ps.147:3)? Why would gratefully submitting to His plan and unconditionally obeying His commands be a sign of health?
- 5) What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight (feelings)(2Cor 5:7; Heb11)? What are spiritual vital signs (Vv2, 14, 15; Matt.22:34-39)? God wants to get you to the place where you are so spiritually strong, mature & healthy that no matter what happens you trust & treasure Christ above all. Explain. Make it your prayer!