

Today's Scripture: **Proverbs 23:12 to 24:2**

## **Discipline Prepares Us To Trust in the Lord**

### **1. Parental Discipline Prepares Us To Trust in the Lord (Prov 23:12-18)**

My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child. As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. **Hebrews 12:5-8 NLT**

Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. **Proverbs 13:24**

### **2. Self-Discipline Prepares Us To Trust in the Lord (Prov 23:19-24:2)**

"The Bible and Proverbs speaks both favourably and unfavourably of intoxicants. The issue is how to use them wisely without abusing them. Addiction begins with the first drink. So how does one take intoxicants without potentially becoming addicted to it? The command resolves the problem by disallowing one to be caught by the enticements of wine. When one is charmed by its colour, its sparkle, the goblets shape, and its delectable taste as it glides down smoothly, he should shove it aside."

**Bruce Waltke** Proverbs p. 264

