

Back to the Basics

Building Stronger Discipline



Anchor Verse

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. Hebrews 12:11 NLT

Bottom Line

Strong discipline is a **MUCH NEEDED** tool during this season.



Memory Verse

God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7 ICB





Icebreaker

Directions:

The whole group stand in a circle shoulder to shoulder. They then turn through 90° clockwise so they are facing the back of the person to their right. The group then all need to move to their left to make the circle as small as possible, ensuring they are as close together as possible.

When given the signal from the leader everyone in the circle tries to sit down on the knees of the person behind them. In theory the whole circle should be supported!

Materials:

1. Your Family
2. Discipline



Today, we're going to take a look at the story of **Parable of the Talents**, as it is a strong indicator of what discipline and a lack thereof looks like.



Matthew 25:24-28

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4w7v-WDfJk>

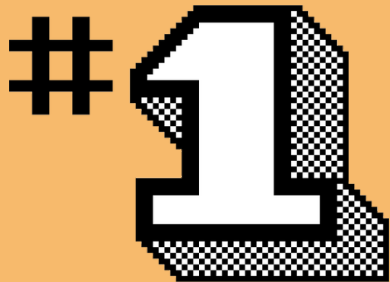


Let's discuss
4 points about
Discipline!



1. Discipline determines distribution.

Everyone has the ability to grow their talents if they partner with God and use discipline to make it happen.



Discipline directs process.

We must be careful in what process we use to develop our talents! We cannot simply sit on our talents because we know God loves us, we must develop and use them to His glory.



Discipline fuels growth.

The more we develop our talents, the more with which God will bless us! He wants to use all our talents to build His Kingdom.



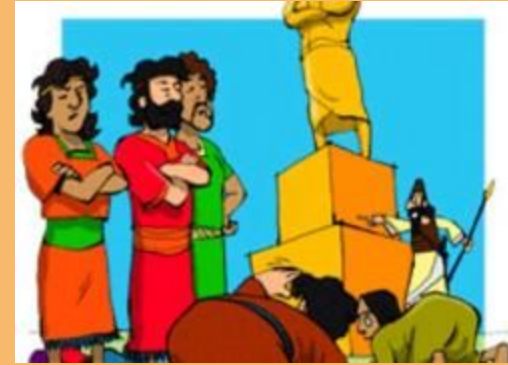
A lack of discipline leads to loss.

Much like the last servant, if we do not use our talents God gives us, regardless of how many we have, He will take them from us because we cannot be trusted. Let's show God He can trust us with the special talents He gives each of us!



How Do I Develop the Proper Disciplines in my Life?

1. Become aware of the process.
2. Make a commitment to follow the process.
3. Keep going even after desire leaves.
4. Be sure to develop and submit to the proper accountability measures and people.



Discussion Questions

1. What did the servants do with their talents?
2. How can we please God with the talents He gave us?
3. What role does DISCIPLINE play in growing our talents?



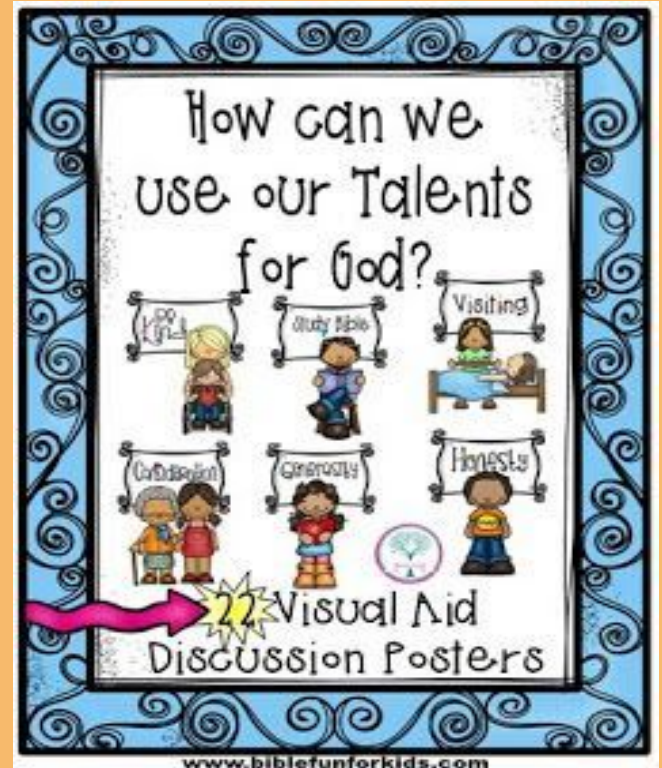
Simple Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help me be disciplined, even
when it is difficult.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



God Wants Us to Use Our Talents!

How can you
use your
talent to
glorify God?



Click the link for activities that you and your family will enjoy!

<https://www.pursuegodkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/ParableofTalentsTP23.pdf>

Have Fun!!!