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Topic: Tough Love Matters

Text: Proverbs 3:11-12

1. This love is manifested in the context of a parent-child relationship. God will always love us in such a manner for as long as we continue to tread on this earth. He chastises us because we are His children. As believers, we can still sin. Once we are in glory, we cannot sin. In an environment of sin, we surely need correction.

2. Do not despise nor spurn tough love (v11). Chastening is to restrain us from rushing to a life of sin and transgression. Take heed to the Word of the Lord. Chastisement will surely hurt our pride. Yet, if we do not heed the Word, He will use something far more painful.

3. Do not be weary of His correction (v11). "Weary" has the connotation of disgust. Correction means to bring us back to the path of holiness- having traversed a distance in sin and carnality.

4. The Lord will correct those that He loves (v12). More than 90% of the bible is about admonishment, correction and chastisement. As we witness for Him on this earth, we are still sinners saved by grace. Thus, we will still succumb to sin. We must know He will never stop chastening and correcting us as a loving Father who delights in His children.

*"He remembers our frame and knows that we are dust.*

*He may sometimes chasten us, it is true, but even this He does with a smile, the proud, tender smile of a Father who is bursting with pleasure over an imperfect but promising son who is coming every day to look more and more like the One whose child he is." - A.W. Tozer.*