

Loving Chastisement of the Father

*"For whom the Lord loves He chastens,
and scourges every son whom He receives."
Hebrews 12:6 KJV*

“For the LORD disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.
Hebrews 12:6 (New Living Translation)

As a child, did you ever get a spanking you didn't deserve? Maybe now and then your dad or mom would just be in a "spanking mood," and they'd spank everyone they could get their hands on?

Talk about being indignant! There is nothing worse to a child than to realize "I got spanked, and I didn't deserve it."

You know what's funny? At that point, we never stop to think about all the times we deserved a spanking and didn't get one. Our Father is mercifully loving and graciously wise to give us what we need at all times in our lives. Sometimes we need His hand of love in comfort, and sometimes we need His hand of love in discipline.

Thank God that His hand of mercy extends to you when you don't deserve it and that His hand of discipline extends to you when you do.