**Our Father’s Discipline**

*Hebrews 12:4-11*

Father,

help me to receive Your gifts

gladly and

gratefully,

even though they come through

hardship.

Help me to receive

Your teaching,

Your shaping,

Your discipline,

even when they involve

pain and

struggle.

Compassionate Father,

You never send

evil

into our lives.

And everything You allow to come to us You

always,

always,

always,

use for our good (Romans 8:28).

You are making us more like

Your glorious Son,

Jesus Christ.

You are eternally blessing us with

the riches of

*being* –

of being completely and

forever

like You and

one with You and

in You,

Father,

Son, and

Spirit.

You are the perfect Father.

You faithfully train Your dear children

through both

word and

experience,

both pleasant and

unpleasant.

Your discipline is

all-wise and

all-loving.

You withhold nothing that

Your burning love

longs to give.

Father, I am Yours.

I love You!

I trust You!

In You I can truly

*Rejoice ALWAYS*

and

*in EVERYTHING give thanks* (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18, NASB).

*Do not complain when*

*your loving Father allows*

*your faith to be tested.*

*He is strengthening your*

*essential, life-giving connection with Him.*

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