

# The Good Life

## Proverbs 3:1-12

There are a great many people in all walks of life telling us how to have a "good life." This includes how to get rich, how to live long, how to be healthy, how to be happy, etc. And, for the most part, there is nothing wrong with wanting these things. In fact, the Bible deals with this very subject - how to have "the good life."

Thomas Jefferson's ten rules for the good life:

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. Never repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. Don't let the evils which have never happened cost you pain.
9. Always take things by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to one hundred.

### **I. FOLLOW THE RULES, ESPECIALLY GOD'S - VS. 1-2**

#### ***A. Want to live long? Follow the rules - vs.***

## **1.**

1. This is Solomon speaking to his son telling him not to forget what he was taught. In a very real, literal sense, if Rehoboam would have been faithful to what Solomon taught him, especially when it came to following the laws of God, the nation of Israel would have never been divided.
2. There is an application here, secondary to the one, right interpretation – if we want to have a good life in our Christian walk, we will need to follow the rules that God has set forth in His Word – follow the BOOK.
  - a) It tells us not to forget it – “forget not my law.”

### Psalm 119:93

**93** I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

### Psalm 119:153

**153** RESH. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

### Psalm 119:176

**176** I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

- b) It tells us to keep it in our hearts, or to hide it in our hearts – “but let thine heart keep my commandments.”

### Psalm 119:11

**11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

### Psalm 119:34

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

### Psalm 119:47–48

<sup>47</sup> And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

<sup>48</sup> My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

### John 14:21–24

<sup>21</sup> He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

<sup>22</sup> Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

<sup>24</sup> *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

### ***B. There are three things that are given here that are a promise from God if we just follow the rules – vs. 2:***

1. Length of days – long days – long 24-hour periods of time. This is the way they explained healthiness. If one was active a big part of the day, he was healthy: “he had a long day.” The promise here is one of healthy days, and many of them.

2. Long life – means what it says – an extended period of good days.
3. Peace – This is the Hebrew word “shalom” which means more than our word “peace.” It also means health and prosperity which bring peace. It is not just the peace of God but, more to the point, simply knowing we’re where God wants us to be and we’re seeing His blessings on us. Purely speaking, it means well-being.

***C. Although the application made is that of following the law of the Lord, the commands of Scripture, putting this into the view of the one, right interpretation, this also speaks of simply obeying and honoring our earthly parents.***

Exodus 20:12

<sup>12</sup> Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Ephesians 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

<sup>2</sup> Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

## **II. BE MERCIFUL AND TRUTHFUL - VS. 3-4**

***A. Two of the traits least found in man today are these. If we would see more of this today the world would be quite different.***

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Better is a little kindness while living than an extravagant floral display at the grave.

**B. The word for "mercy" – רַחֲמִים – simply means kindness, or lovingkindness. Don't forget to be kind.**

Proverbs 16:6

<sup>6</sup> By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Proverbs 20:28

<sup>28</sup> Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

Hosea 4:1

<sup>1</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

Matthew 23:23

<sup>23</sup> Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Ephesians 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

<sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

## Ephesians 5:9

<sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

**C. *"Truth" is one of the most important things to the Lord. Just simply be truthful, or honest. It's a character trait that is lacking in just about every area of society today.***

Following is a quote that very aptly explains what "truthfulness" means (this speaks of the ninth commandment – "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"):

The commandment tells us to speak truthfully whenever it is appropriate for us to speak at all. Respect for truthfulness does not compel us to reveal our minds to everyone or on every occasion. The Ninth Commandment assumes, no doubt, a situation that calls on us to speak. It does not ask us to tell the people at the next table in a restaurant that their manners are repulsive. It does not obligate a nurse to contradict a physician at a sick person's bedside. Nor does it require me to divulge all of my feelings to a stranger on the bus. We are called to speak the truth in any situation in which we have a responsibility to communicate.

Further, the command requires only a revelation that is pertinent to the situation. A politician ought to speak the truth about public matters as he sees them; he does not need to tell us how he feels about his wife. A doctor ought to tell me the truth, as he understands it, about

my health; he does not need to tell me his views on universal health insurance. A minister ought to preach the truth, as he sees it, about the gospel; he does not need to tell the congregation what he feels about the choir director. The commandment does not call us to be garrulous blabbermouths. Truthfulness is demanded from us about the things that we ought to speak about at all.

Lewis Smedes, *Mere Morality*

***D. It says to put these in a place where there with us all the time – around our neck for all the world to see, and in our heart for us to follow.***

***E. The promise is, if we do this then we'll have "favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."***

1. "Find favor" – find, or acquire, favor, grace – if we are kind and honest, and recognize the Lord is the same to us, then we will have acquired, by diligent work, grace in the eyes of the Lord.

[Genesis 39:21](#)

<sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

[1 Samuel 2:26](#)

<sup>26</sup> And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

[Acts 2:46–47](#)

<sup>46</sup> And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

<sup>47</sup> Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

2. "Good understanding" – carries the idea of good success, or high esteem. If we want to be successful in following the Lord, then we will need to follow the word of God. The idea of "good understanding" is that not only will we have good understanding in our dealings with others, but more to the point, they will have a good understanding of who we are because of the way we live.

Joshua 1:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

3. "In the sight of God and man" – not only will we have the favor of God and the success He can give; we'll have the favor of man and success in this life. What a blessing!

### **III. TRUST IN THE LORD- VS. 5-6**

One of the hardest thing to do today in America is trust the Lord. We really don't have to trust the Lord because we have, or can get, most everything we need. But what if we had to trust – would we know how? These verses tell us to trust and then they promise us our path in life will be clear.

Some people think that having the "good life," among other things, is having a smooth road ahead without wondering where they're going. These verses tell us we can have that part of the "good life."

There are three things given here in order for the Lord to be bound by His Word to "direct our paths."

### **A. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart"**

1. The word for "trust" (בָּטַח) here means to lean on a thing for support, or to rest on it. In Hebrew poetry it carries with it the idea of being so confident in a thing that we are willing to rest our whole being on it.
2. "In the LORD" – this is the word for Jehovah, the Great I Am, the eternal one. It is the strongest name for the Lord in the Bible. How confident are we in Him?

#### **Job 13:15**

<sup>15</sup> Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

#### **Psalms 37:3**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt

be fed.

#### Psalm 37:5

<sup>5</sup> Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

#### Psalm 62:8

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

#### Jeremiah 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

<sup>8</sup> For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

3. "With all thine heart" – there is no room for error here, no room for interpretational license – it is very specific. If we trust the Lord, it is all or nothing. It must be with our whole heart, our whole being, what makes us who we are, or it is not truly trust.

### ***B. "Lean not unto thine own understanding"***

1. "Lean not" – support one's self – do not prop one's self up.
2. "Unto thine own understanding" – own ability to put into practice what we've learned. Understanding speaks to the practical things of life. We must not rely on our ability to understand life and act upon

it for that ability is flawed because of sin. We must rely on the Lord's understanding because it is perfect.

### **C. "In all thy ways acknowledge him"**

1. "In all thy ways" - in all our paths of life, in everything we do
2. "Acknowledge him" – this word (יָדַעְתָּהוּ), with the understanding that the reference to the "heart" from verse 5 is still in view, means to be fully aware of, and put full confidence in the Lord with our whole inner being given over to it. Our whole life, as a Christian, ought to be given over to the Lord for His care.

#### Proverbs 16:3

<sup>3</sup> Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

#### Proverbs 23:17

<sup>17</sup> Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31

<sup>31</sup> Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

#### Philippians 4:6

<sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

#### Colossians 3:17

<sup>17</sup> And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

#### Colossians 3:23

**23** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Green Bay Packers' head coach Mike Holmgren looks back at a heartbreaking moment, when he was cut from the New York Jets as backup quarterback to Joe Namath, that directed him to a bigger plan.

"I had committed my life to Jesus Christ when I was 11, but in my pursuit to make a name for myself in football, I left God next to my dust-covered Bible. But after getting cut from the Jets, I pulled out my Bible and found comfort in a verse I had memorized in Sunday school: 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths' (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"I asked Jesus Christ to take control again. My priorities in life are faith, family, and football--in that order."

#### ***D. The promise - "And he shall direct thy paths"***

1. "He shall direct" – וְהוֹיָא, יִישָׁר – the promise begins with "He shall." What a promise! If we keep our end, then He's promised and bound Himself to His Word that He shall keep us.
2. "Direct thy paths" – make plain, keep clear. He hasn't promised us we'd never have problems, but He has promised that

we'd have peace knowing He'll take care of our life as we live it. Remember, He's ahead of us – Don't worry about tomorrow for He's already there.

Proverbs 16:9

<sup>9</sup> A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Psalms 32:8

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Isaiah 48:17

<sup>17</sup> Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Jeremiah 10:23

<sup>23</sup> O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

James 1:5

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

#### **IV. FEAR THE LORD - VS. 7-8**

Many today have no fear of God. They think the good life can't be lived unless they can disregard God and His laws. The opposite of that is true, however. The true Good Life can't be obtained or lived unless there is a true fear of God.

***A. True fear of the Lord begins with recognizing He's far greater than we are – "be not wise in thine own eyes."***

### Proverbs 26:12

<sup>12</sup> Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

### Isaiah 5:21

<sup>21</sup> Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

### Romans 12:16

<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

## ***B. The only way we can demonstrate our fear of the Lord is to stop sinning. That is a true test of a person's fear of God. How much do we fear Him?***

1. "Health to thy navel" – this is referencing the belly button where the umbilical cord was attached which gave us life. Also, it is the center of our vital organs, the center of life.

### Proverbs 4:20–22

<sup>20</sup> My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

<sup>21</sup> Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

<sup>22</sup> For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

### Proverbs 16:24

<sup>24</sup> Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

2. "Marrow to thy bones" – this is referencing the liquid in the bones, the part that is refreshed. It is literally a refreshing to the

bones – a strengthening of the bones.

## **V. GIVE TO THE LORD - VS. 9-10**

The good life, as people see it today, entails money. In God's view, the good life also deals with money. The difference, however, is that in man's view to have money means to receive money for one's self. In God's view, to have money is to give money – big difference.

### ***A. Giving is a way for us to show our attitude toward the Lord - "Honor the LORD..."***

1. "Honor" (כִּבְדָּה) here comes from a financial term that has a positive and negative to it. Negatively, it means to burden someone; while, positively, it means to add to them to make them rich.
2. Obviously, the Lord doesn't need our money to be rich, but He does want us to give to Him out of a pure heart, out of love for Him, out of duty, because we want to, just as we'd give to someone simply because we want to help their financial state.

Proverbs 14:31

<sup>31</sup> He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Mark 14:7-8

<sup>7</sup> For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

<sup>8</sup> She hath done what she could: she is come

aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

### Philippians 4:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

<sup>18</sup> But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

### 2 Corinthians 8:2-3

<sup>2</sup> How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

<sup>3</sup> For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

### 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

<sup>9</sup> For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

### 1 John 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

<sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

***B. Giving specifically and on purpose is what the Lord wants – "with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all***

## ***thine increase.***

1. "Thy substance" – comes from a word that means enough (הוֹן, מְהוֹנֵךְ). It's dealing with the fact that what we have left after we give to the Lord will be enough for us to live on.

### Malachi 3:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup> Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

2. "The firstfruits" – dealing with the law of the tithe, specifically what the tithe was to come from – right off the top.
3. "Of all thine increase" – income; no matter what it is an increase in, be it farming surplus or wages from a job, the firstfruits of **all** is the Lords.

James W. McKean, MD (1860-1949) of Chiangmai, Thailand, tells of a church of four hundred members where every member tithes. They receive a weekly wage of forty stangs (less than twenty cents) and their rice. Of this meager existence, each gives a tenth every week. Because of this, they have done more for Christ in Thailand

than any other church. They pay their own preacher and have sent two missionary families to spread the gospel in a community cut off from the outside world. They are intensely interested in all forms of Christian work, especially work for unfortunates of every kind; and their gifts for this kind of work are large. They have not only accepted Christ, but, having found Him good, they are making Him known to others. Oh, by the way, this church of all tithers is also a church of all lepers--every person has leprosy.

**C. The promise if we follow the prescription for giving is clear:**

1. "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty"
  - a) "Barns" – **אֳמָר** – storehouses, the place where they kept their harvest for safekeeping. Also, a place in the temple where they kept the money brought in by the people.
  - b) "Be filled" - means what it says, to be full - this, by the way, is AFTER we give of the firstfruits.
  - c) "With plenty" – **פֶּרְיָ** – more than we need.

**Proverbs 11:24–25**

**24** There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

**25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also

himself.

2. "And thy presses shall burst out with new wine" – again, this is dealing with having more than can be used. Also, this point is showing that not only will we have more than enough, it will be more than **JUST** enough – this is seen in the phrase "new wine."

#### Leviticus 26:2-5

<sup>2</sup> Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

<sup>4</sup> Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

<sup>5</sup> And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

<sup>6</sup> But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

<sup>7</sup> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

<sup>9</sup> (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

<sup>10</sup> Now he that ministereth seed to the sower

both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

<sup>11</sup> Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

I gave them to Him,  
All the things I'd valued so  
Until I stood there empty-handed,  
Every glittering toy did go.  
And I walked earth's lonely highways  
In my rags and poverty;  
Till I heard His voice entreating,  
"Lift your empty hands to Me."  
Empty hands I lifted to Him,  
And He filled them with a store  
Of His own transcendent riches  
Till my hands could hold no more.  
And at last I comprehended,  
With my mind so slow and dull,  
That God could not pour His riches  
Into hands already full.

## **VI. ACCEPT CHASTENING FROM THE LORD – VS. 11-12**

The good life, in order for it to be God's way and

not man's, comes with this "negative" – chastening. If we are going to go through life, the good life, God's life, then we will have to endure this particular form of correction. When we go through a time in our life that we consider to be correction, thank God for it, just like we would for all the other times in our lives, because it is there for our benefit.

There are parallel passages in Scripture that we need to look at that will help us understand this passage:

**Job 5:17**

<sup>17</sup> Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

**Psalm 94:12**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

**Hebrews 12:5–6**

<sup>5</sup> And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

<sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

***A. Understand we're still His children – "My son."***

1. Descriptive of our position to the Father, as well as Solomon's son was to him.
2. The word (בְּנֵי) comes from one that means the builder of the family name – "Christians."

**B. Don't take it the wrong way – “despise not,” “neither be weary.”**

1. “Despise” – disdain, to loathe, to push away.
2. “Be weary” – grow tired of it and begin to hate Him for it.

Hebrews 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup> If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

<sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

<sup>10</sup> For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

<sup>11</sup> Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

**C. Recognize that it's help not hate – “the chastening of the Lord,” “his correction.”**

1. “Chastening” – מוֹסֵר – to take one to school – it's for educational purposes,

simply to teach us not to do it again. Consider this: Why do we discipline our children? Because they've done good, or bad? Do we do it because we want to put them to a test, or because we want them to learn not to do something again? That is what God is telling us here.

2. "Correction" – תּוֹכַחָה – reproof – similar to the previous word.
3. "Of the LORD" – Jehovah, the Great I Am – He can do nothing wrong, so we know it's for our good since He has already called us "My son."

***D. Remember it's out of love and not anger – "for whom the LORD loveth."***

***E. Determine to learn and grow by it – "He correcteth."***

1. "He" – LORD (Jehovah) – not someone else, not the Devil, but our Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:5

<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

2. "Correcteth" – יָכַח – to be right (correct) – the whole point is to make us right again.

***F. Realize that the proper father-child relationship is an example of this principle – "even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."***

Don't you think that if an earthly father will

discipline his children that he loves and that delight him, that our Heavenly Father, the Creator of the Universes, the Founder of the principle, will delight even more in us?

Conclusion: "The good life" – What does it mean to you?