Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be angry when he corrects you. The Lord corrects the one he loves, just as a father corrects a child he cares about.

Proverbs 27:12

Wise people see trouble coming and get out of its way, but fools go straight to the trouble and suffer for it.

1 John 4:18

Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love takes away fear. It is his punishment that makes a person fear. So his love is not made perfect in the one who has fear.

Romans 2:12

People who have the law and those who have never heard of the law are all the same when they sin. People who don't have the law and are sinners will be lost. And, in the same way, those who have the law and are sinners will be judged by the law.

Revelation 3:19

"I correct and punish the people I love. So show that nothing is more important to you than living right. Change your hearts and lives.

Hebrews 12:11

We don't enjoy discipline when we get it. It is painful. But later, after we have learned our lesson from it, we will enjoy the peace that comes from doing what is right.

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. But those who do not believe will be judged

guilty.

Luke 12:48

But what about the servant who does not know what his master wants? He also does things that deserve punishment. But he will get less punishment than the servant who knew what he should do. Whoever has been given much will be responsible for much. Much more will be expected from the one who has been given more."

Ezekiel 18:30b

The word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Why do you people say this proverb: 'The parents ate the sour grapes, but the children got the sour taste'?" But the Lord God says, "By my life, I swear that people in Israel will not think this proverb is true anymore! I will treat everyone, child and parent, just the same. The one who sins is the one who will die! "A person who is good will live! He is fair and does what is right. He doesn't go to the mountains to share food offered to idols. He doesn't pray to those filthy idols in Israel. He doesn't commit adultery with his neighbor's wife or with a woman during her period. He doesn't take advantage of others. If someone borrows money from him, he might take something of value before he gives the money. But when that person pays him back, he returns what he took. He gives food to the hungry and clothes to people who need them. If someone wants to borrow money from him, he lends the money and doesn't charge interest on the loan. He refuses to be crooked. He is always fair with everyone. People can trust him. He obeys my laws and studies my rules so that he can learn to be fair and dependable. He is good, so he will live. "But someone like that might have a son who does not do any of these good things. The son steals things and kills people. He does things his father never did. He goes to the mountains and eats foods offered to false gods. He commits the sin of adultery with his neighbor's wife. He mistreats poor, helpless people. He takes advantage of them. When a debt is paid, he does not give back what he took from them. He prays to filthy idols and does other terrible things. He lends money to people who need it, but he forces them to pay interest on the loan. The evil son will not be allowed to live. He will be put to death because he did such terrible things, and he will be responsible for his own death. "Now, that evil son might also have a son. But this son sees the bad things his father did, and he refuses to live as his father did. He treats people fairly. He does not go to the mountains and eat foods offered to false gods. He does not pray to filthy idols in Israel. He does not commit the sin of adultery with his neighbor's wife. He does not take advantage of people. If someone borrows money from him, the good son takes something of value and then gives the other person the money. When that person pays him back, the good son gives back what he took. The good son gives food to hungry people, and he gives clothes to those who need them. He helps the poor. If people want to borrow money, the good son lends them the money, and he does not charge interest on the loan! He obeys my laws and follows them. He will not be put to death for his father's sins. The good son will live. The father hurts people and steals things. He never does anything good for my people! He will die because of his own sins. "You might ask, 'Why will the son not be punished for his father's sins?' The reason is that the son was fair and did good things. He very carefully obeyed my laws, so he will live. The one who sins is the one who will be put to death. A son will not be punished for his father's sins, and a father will not be punished for his son's sins. A good man's goodness belongs to him alone, and a bad man's evil belongs to him alone. "Now, if evil people change their lives

then they will live and not die. They might stop doing all the bad things they did and begin to carefully obey all my laws. They might become fair and good. God will not remember all the bad things they did. He will remember only their goodness, so they will live!" The Lord God says, "I don't want evil people to die. I want them to change their lives so that they can live! "Now, maybe good people might stop being good. They might change their lives and begin to do all the terrible things that evil people have done in the past. (The evil people changed, so they can live.) So if those good people change and become bad, God will not remember all the good things they did. He will remember that they turned against him and began to sin. So they will die because of their sin. "You people might say, 'The Lord isn't fair!' But listen, family of Israel. I am fair. You are the ones who are not fair! If good people change and become evil, they must die for the bad things they do. And if evil people change and become good and fair, they will save their lives. They will live! They saw how wicked they were and came back to me. They stopped doing the evil things they did in the past. So they will live! They will not die!" The people of Israel said, "That's not fair! The Lord isn't fair!" "I am fair! You are the ones who are not fair! Why? Because, family of Israel, I will judge each of you only for what you do!" This is what the Lord God said. "So come back to me! Stop committing those crimes and do away with those things that cause you to sin! Throw away all the disgusting idols with which you committed your crimes! Change your heart and spirit. People of Israel, why should you do things that will cost you your life? I don't want to kill you! Please come back and live!" This is what the Lord God said.

James 5:12

My brothers and sisters, it is very important that you not use an oath when you make a promise. Don't use the name of heaven, earth, or anything else to prove what you say. When you mean yes, say only "yes." When you mean no, say only "no." Do this so that you will not be judged guilty.

Romans 8:1-2

So now anyone who is in Christ Jesus is not judged guilty. That is because in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit that brings life made you free. It made you free from the law that brings sin and death.

Romans 5:15

But God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. Many people died because of the sin of that one man. But the grace that people received from God was much greater. Many received God's gift of life by the grace of this other man, Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 5:17

"If you sin and break any of the commands that the Lord said must not be done, you are guilty. Even if you did not know about it, you are still responsible for your sin.

2 Timothy 4:2

Tell everyone God's message. Be ready at all times to do whatever is needed. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are doing wrong, and encourage them. Do this with great patience and careful teaching.

Psalms 68:6

God provides homes for those who are lonely. He frees people from prison and makes them happy. But those who turn against him will live in the desert.