

**II. A Necessary Consideration: What is the will of God for the family? What does He want us to be? What does He want us to do? The disciplines become meaningful in the light of these things.**

**A. The Designated Will of God:**

1. Yieldedness (Romans 12:1-2)
2. Thankfulness (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
3. Holiness (1 Peter 1:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:3)
4. Witnessing (Ephesians 5:17 ff)

**B. The Desired Will of God**

1. Fruitbearing (John 15)
2. Walking worthy (Eph 4:1)
3. Pleasing Him more and more (1 Thessalonians 4:1)
4. Life character (Micah 6:8)

**C. The Demonstrative Will of God**

1. Giftedness (1 Corinthians 12)
2. Service (1 Corinthians 4)
3. Appointments (Ephesians 4)

This is a very abbreviated study but the disciplines to which we will presently come will help us to understand how God guides and directs to the fulfilling of these intentions.

**III. The Disciplines of God:**

**A. Some introductory notes:**

1. The term discipline should not be thought of as a punishment term but training term. The KJV word chastening translates a Greek word that speaks of training as one trains a child and that is why I like to speak of this as discipline and not punishment. The training may have a painful phase now and then and it is not easy to accept correction freely but the wise parent knows that without training the child will not learn proper values, etc. In this study I expand the word discipline to a number of other areas beyond the scope of the Hebrews passage for a wider consideration of our growth!