This Is Only A 7 Minute Read — Please Give Jesus 7 Minutes





Bitterness — The result of being difficult or distasteful to accept, admit, or bear: the bitter truth; bitter sorrow.

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Blaa, Blaa, Blaa, — Blaa, Blaa, Blaa! — No Body Likes A Blaa Spreader!
They are like Manure Spreaders! — No ones Wants Them Around Very Close!
Many "blaa" spreaders are that way because they have become bitter over time. Sometimes it was because of what some else had done to them and sometimes it is because they have failed at their dreams. And sometimes, it is because of God dealing with them in God's "Heavenly Wood Shed".



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I remember a dear friend of mine, whose wife was a "Perfect Angel" — She was always up in the air "Harping" about something! Now this sounds funny, but my poor friend didn't find a lot to laugh about! It seems that someone else in her past had done her wrong, and on every hand, she watched my friend like a hawk and made him pay for the mistakes of her former husband. How much fun is that? Ugh! Somebody say, Kick me in the Head until I'm dead!



Unlike these modern day hacks of Dr. Spock, God believes in corporal punishment.

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Yes, God "Chastises" His Children. And He expects us to be like Him — In the above verse, God says that we love our children when we apply the rod of correction. Does that mean, that if we don't deal with our kids when they do wrong, that we are not showing real Godly love for them? Well, remember, that's what you wanted to know — **Yes, that is what it is saying**.

Hebrews 12:5-8 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: (6) For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. (7) If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? (8) But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

<u>Remember, when we are real Children of God, when God Chastises us — He is really showing use De-</u> <u>vine Love!</u> The thing for us is to receive this chastisement in the right spirit!

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