

“How We Pray Things Will Work Out For Us When Conflict Comes” (Beware: The War Against Satan and Sin)

THE GOAL 1-2 This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that GOD, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before GOD lifelong, observing all his rules and regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives. (Deuteronomy 6:1-2, The Message)

THE PROCESS: Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master. Eph..6:4 In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don't feel sorry for yourselves. ...My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child He loves that He disciplines; the child He embraces, He also corrects. God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God? We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God's training so we can truly live? ... God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best. At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God. So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. **And run for it!** (Hebrews 12:4-13)

Potential Areas of Conflict: (1.Christ's Influence/Purpose in Life,2.Relationships/Marriage/Values 3.School/College 4. Work/Finances, 5/Substances/Health. 6. Where Going to Live/When Leave (Independence) 7. How Will We Relate in the Future?

