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This is how we can learn and know more about when we doing or thinking something that is right or wrong... We should study our Holy Bible, because it is full of teaching about how to think and act, and the Bible is full of the wonderful love of God, too!

We should be so glad that Jesus takes the time to correct us when we do something wrong as His child.

Don't think that His correction isn't worth anything but an unpleasant time.

If we are willing to bear it with a good attitude, we will learn and grow from the "chastening of the Lord."

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