


Learning from Experience | Application

 **READ: Hebrews 12:5-6**


 **WRITE:** Why should God's children be encouraged by His discipline?

 **Proverbs 3:11-12**


It is not natural for a person to embrace discipline. For this reason, train those you disciple to understand God's love and to appreciate His discipline. By helping them learn from their mistakes, they will begin to grow spiritually.

 **ACTION:** Use the following questions to help those you disciple identify the potential source of error. To help you prepare to train others, write the reason the question is significant in learning to correct undesired behavior and be prepared to communicate its purpose to those you disciple.


Q: What individual choices were available to you during your decision-making process?

 Reasons this question is helpful in learning to correct undesired behavior:


Q: Can you identify the points of temptation?

 Reasons this question is helpful in learning to correct undesired behavior:


Q: What was your spiritual condition when you made that choice?

 Reasons this question is helpful in learning to correct undesired behavior:


Q: Did you consider potential consequences before acting?

 Reasons this question is helpful in learning to correct undesired behavior:


Q: On what source did you base your decision?

 Reasons this question is helpful in learning to correct undesired behavior:

Even though the person you are mentoring may be sincere in implementing the training received, it may be difficult for them to initially recognize spiritual hazards and pitfalls. When they solicit your help to work through a personal error, remind them that they are in training and encourage them to learn from the experience, noting that learning from mistakes promotes spiritual growth.

 **REMEMBER:** Choices that reflect God's will result from investing in sources that reflect His truth.

1. Train each person you disciple to identify any sources that fail to reflect God's Word or His character.
2. Engage them in conversation to consider what consequences might have resulted had they made different choices.
3. Then, encourage them to learn from their mistakes by asking God to forgive them and to enable them to make godly decisions in the future.

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. (**1 Corinthians 1:25**)