

## 23Z03 March Student Update – Discipline

Hello my friends. I hope everyone is back into the grind of school and doing well.

First, order of business. Let's pray. **Father God, Thank You God for this time today. Thank you for each student, teacher, father, mother, brother and sister. Guide my words today so your message is heard. Thank you for the sacrifice you made for us. You know what we need Lord, we trust You Lord Jesus. And I pray all these things in your Name Lord Jesus, Amen.**

Requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup> semester proof of enrollment was due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and first semester grades were due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not emailed me and requested a LSR Late Submission Request, you are now out of compliance. What this means is your stipend will be delayed until your requirements are submitted.

If you do not communicate with me about this, after 2 months of being overdue for submission without a LSR in your file, this will result in your suspension from our program and potentially dropped from our program.

So you understand, if you don't communicate with us and you don't submit requirements, then we assume you are dropping out of our program. Once dropped you may reapply in September, but we do not reactivate you automatically.

Also, Please only submit your requirements to the google drive. DO NOT submit an excuse where a requirement is supposed to be submitted. This creates problems with our automated system and could result in your file becoming corrupted or lost. WE are not responsible for your submissions. If you submit incorrectly, then we can only judge your submissions as incomplete, and you will be suspended.

Also, if you believe you have submitted all your requirements and attended church regularly but you still have not received your stipends. Contact me. Tell me what is going on so I can see why this is happening. We make mistakes, so please let us know if you think we have make a mistake.

Last, don't forget to sign up for our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). Signup on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then watch the videos as they are posted.

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Enough of business.

I want to read a scripture from Hebrews 12:5-6 (GNT) *Have you forgotten the encouraging words which God speaks to you as his children? “My child, pay attention when the Lord corrects you, and do not be discouraged when he rebukes you. Because the Lord corrects everyone he loves, and punishes everyone he accepts as a child.”*

This is a quote out of Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV) *My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.*

I think we sometimes forget that discipline and punishments are intended to correct our behavior. If discipline is done consistently, it will typically correct our bad behavior. God is our father in heaven. As our father, God, will discipline us in an effort to adjust our behavior to what God wants for us. God loves you and wants us to live the best life we can. This means when we are out of God’s plan for our life, we will at times face discipline from God to get back on the right track.

If you are facing or have faced discipline and punishment, focus on the behavior we need to correct. I have many behavior I need to correct, and yes God punishes me at times to redirect me in the way I should go. This is mercy from God. Yes, punishment is mercy even when it hurts. The reason is it can save us from even greater punishment and pain in the future if we can adjust our behavior.

**Let’s Pray. Father God, Thank You God for everything. Thank you for not being a distant uncaring God but instead God with us. Helping us. Caring for us. Thank you, Lord. I pray for each student, that they trust you, Lord. I pray each of us trust you to provide our needs each day, I pray you help us to forgive others and recognize you have forgiven us. I pray we each understand we did not deserve it, but you loved us anyway. Help us to love the people you put in our lives the way you want us to love them. Help us Lord to resist the temptations and evil around us and instead be a light that points to you Jesus.**

**I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen**

Let me leave you with this. God is good. God is in control of everything. Regardless of whether the punishment comes from the world or God. We need to learn the lessons that God wants us to learn. I do not always understand the how’s and whys, but I trust Jesus. Because He knows better than I do. Trust God knows and is working to give us the satisfying life if we will only trust in him.

I am so glad we have this time together. Don’t fear anything in this world. Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God’s Blessings.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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