



"If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless."

Philippians 3:4

"This is a true saying,...: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—and I was the worst of them all."

1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)

IF I AM TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF FAILURE...

1. I MUST RESPOND TO _____

"About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you I asked?' 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,'

Acts 22:6-9 (NIV)

Facts About Correction/Discipline

A. Discipline always has a _____

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Hebrews 12:4 (NIV)

B. Discipline happens to every _____

If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons..."

Hebrews 4:8 (NIV)

C. Discipline is always _____

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful..." **Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)**

D. Discipline's results can be _____

"Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 12:11b (NIV)

E. Discipline's _____ is decided by me _____.

"What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?"

1 Corinthians 4:21 (NIV)

2. I MUST REQUEST _____.

"I asked, 'Lord, what do you want me to do?' Then he told me, 'Get up and go to Damascus. When you get there, you will be told what to do.'"

Acts 22:10 (CEV)

"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. 9Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!"

Psalms 32:8.9 (LB)

God does great things in the lives of those who say, "_____."

3. I MUST RESET MY _____

"I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps."

Jeremiah 10:23 (NIV)

"If you want to live, give up your foolishness and let understanding guide your steps."

Proverbs 9:6 (CEV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding"

Psalms 110:10 (NIV)

"I do not enjoy seeing you die," the Lord God says. "Turn, turn and live!"

Ezekiel 18:32 (LB)

4. I Must Receive _____

"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."

Acts 22:16 (NIV)

"Our guilt overwhelms us, but you forgive our sins." **Psalms 65:3 (NCV)**