

*Treasure in Earthenware Jars*

# MODEL FOR A GODLY FATHER

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4 Pew Bible p. 1142-1143

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*This priceless treasure we hold, so to speak, in a common earthenware jar—to show that the splendid power of it belongs to God and not to us.*  
2 Cor. 4:7 Phillips

## Paul's Example of a Godly Father

1. A godly father d\_\_\_\_\_ his children.

Discipline in this context refers to parents using appropriate means to s\_\_\_\_\_ and influence their children's lives for their good and for God.

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* Eph. 6:4

*...the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son ... If you are not disciplined...then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.* Heb. 12:6, 8

2. A godly father disciplines his children with w\_\_\_\_\_ and care. 2 Cor. 1:23

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* James 1:5

3. A godly father seeks to bring children to mature  
i\_\_\_\_\_ . 2 Cor. 1:24

4. A godly father never gives up pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ for his  
children. 2 Cor. 2:3b

5. A godly father is willing to pay the price of \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Cor. 2:4

## **Conclusion**

***A loving father provides godly discipline for his children.***

What does God want you to do as a result of this message?