

Title: Evidence of God's Love

The Evidence of God's Love is that He:

**1. Disciplines Us**

Cite: Hebrews 12:5-11

The quality produced in us: Quick to deal with our sin

**2. Tests Us**

Cite: 43:19-22

Cite: 43:33-34

The quality produced in us: Gratitude

Cite: Colossians 3:12-17

Quote: "God hates visionary dreaming; it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. The man who fashions a visionary ideal of community demands that it be realized by God, by others, and by himself. He enters the community of Christians with his demands, sets up his own law, and judges the brethren and God Himself accordingly. He stands adamant, a living reproach to all others in the circle of brethren. He acts as if he is the creator of the Christian community, as if his dream binds men together. When things do not go his way, he calls the effort a failure. When his ideal picture is destroyed, he sees the community going to smash. So he becomes, first an accuser of his brethren, then an accuser of God, and finally the despairing accuser of himself."

**3. Sanctifies Us**

Quote: "No one has sufficient strength to press on with due eagerness, and weakness so weighs down the greater number that, with wavering and limping and even creeping along the ground, they move at a feeble rate. Let us not despair at the slightness of our success; for even though attainment may not correspond to desire, when today outstrips yesterday the effort is not lost."

The quality produced in us: progress through gospel dependence.