

MUSAR is translated in the OT "chastisement" 6 ~~times~~ ^{do} times; "correction" 8 times; "discipline" once, "instruction" 30 times. Here/we have one word with two entirely different meanings? Or do we have a central meaning to this word MUSAR which is hard to express in English perhaps, but fits all of these? I think that there is no doubt that that is the case.

MUSAR is something the Lord wants us to seize hold of. It is something that is important for our lives. It is something that Jesus Christ ~~fi~~ displayed in his life and which made a great difference in our peace, his MUSAR. He suffered, he toiled, he struggled, he gave himself over to accomplish the work that the Lord had for him. When he was reviled, he reviled not again, but he determined to carry through what God desired him to accomplish for our ~~g~~ good. Well now then, if any of us are going to accomplish ~~anything~~ anything worthwhile in our lives, we must follow in Christ's steps. First of all we must be saved through Christ. But after we are saved we must develop this MUSAR. We must follow His steps. Musar I think means application. It means self-discipline. It means willingness to go through experiences whether brought on by our own determination or because God sends them to us - which will fit us to be better servants of His.

I was very much impressed some years ago by hearing a minister tell of his experiences in 1918. At that time they had the great flu epidemic. Well this is 6 months before the flu epidemic, I should speak of first. It was 6 months before that when this minister had a little girl born, and very shortly after this his wife died. And he was in a terrible state of despondency. He said, Here is my lovely wife, the Lord has taken from me, and I'm left with this little girl to bring up without her help. Why would God permit a thing like this to happen to me? Was this an act of the devil to injure a servant of God? Or was this the MUSAR of God, the action of God for a certain good purpose for the carrying out of God's plan. He found it very difficult to understand. Six months later the terrible flu epidemic came. ^{Thousands} Hundreds of people died throughout our country. It was one