

Learning To Love Correction

(Proverbs 9:7-10)

- Introduction:
1. Because we are all fallible, we all need correction from time to time.
 2. Yet, very few of us have learned to take correction very well.
 3. In fact, we can just about always find a good reason to reject correction and instruction offered to us.
 4. In this lesson, we will examine the need to accept correction, and attempt to learn why and how to welcome it.

I. What The Bible Says About Correction

- A. (Proverbs 1:7).
- B. (Proverbs 8:33).
- C. (Proverbs 12:1).
- D. (Proverbs 15:5,32).
- E. (Proverbs 19:20).
- F. (Proverbs 9:7-10).

II. Reasons We Find To Reject Instruction & Correction

- A. The Imperfections of the People Who Correct Us.
 1. We find it hard to take correction from someone who has their own set of problems.
 2. Don't divert from your problem to talk about another person's business (Jn 21:22).
 3. If we wait for perfect people to show us our faults, we'll die fools.
- B. The Correction Is Not 100% Accurate.
 1. Get the details right or we'll dismiss the instruction.
 2. Don't demand that every detail be perfectly accurate before listening.
- C. The Correction Process Wasn't Handled Right.
 1. Either we won't like their tone, the way they carried themselves, when and where they came to us, etc., so we dismiss the substance of their instruction.
 2. Being corrected isn't fun (Hebrews 12:11).
 3. Excuses just build a wall that keeps out the blessings that come from correction.

III. How To Receive Correction & Instruction

- A. Remember that the heart of a fool can always find an excuse for ignoring instruction.
- B. (Proverbs 9:10).
 1. Develop a respect for God, His will, His word, and His purpose above everything else in your life, then it becomes easy to humble yourself (James 4:10).
- C. Receive the Correction of the Cross.
 1. You've never been more thoroughly corrected, rebuked, and exposed, than you were by the cross of Jesus.
 2. It says that we are sinners (Romans 3:23), that we are helpless (Romans 5:6), that our best efforts are worthless (Isaiah 64:6).
 3. If you can receive the correction and instruction of the cross, then it will be easy to accept the correction from others.
 4. Correction isn't devastating to those who have already been devastated by the cross of Christ.

- Conclusion:
1. It is certain that if we are unwilling to listen to the correction and instruction from God, we're not going to listen to the correction of others.
 2. Do you stand in need of correction today?