

## GROW

### The Preciousness Of Correction

**Foundation:** *The enemy has worked to get us to think wrong about correction so that we miss out on all the benefits that come from receiving it. Your perspective determines your response and therefore if you see correction wrong, then you'll respond to it wrong when it comes. Do you see correction like God sees correction?*

#### I. The value and preciousness of correction

A. Proverbs 25:12-When you receive correction it's like gold; Is that how you feel when you get corrected?

Like someone gave you a nice piece of jewelry

1. **CEB**-Wise correction to an ear that listens is like a gold earring or jewelry of fine gold; **GNT**-A warning given by an experienced person to someone willing to listen is more valuable than gold rings or jewelry made of the finest gold; **HCSB**-A wise correction to a receptive hear is like a gold ring or an ornament of gold; **TLB**-It's a badge of honor to accept valid criticism; **MSG**-A wise friend's reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger; **NLT**-To one who listens, valid criticism is like a gold earring or other gold jewelry

B. Benefits of correction

1. It makes you like Jesus-Hebrews 12:10-1) Partake of his holiness 2) It yields the fruit of righteousness 3) It profits us
2. It's how you miss destruction-Proverbs 29:1-*He that being often reprov'd hardens his neck, shall be suddenly destroyed, and that without remedy*
3. It gives you wisdom-Proverbs 29:15-*The rod and reproof give wisdom*
4. It gives you understanding-Proverbs 15:32-*He that hears reproof gets understanding*
5. If correction gives you wisdom and understanding then correction gives you these things:
  - a. *Prov3:13-Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her.*
  - b. *Prov8:14-Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 18 Riches and honor are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in*

the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

c. Prov16:22-Understanding is a well spring of life

6. God will pour his spirit upon you and give you revelation-Proverbs 1:23-Turn you at my reproof: behold I will put out my spirit unto you and make known my words unto you

7. God will honor you-Proverbs 13:18-He that regards reproof will be honored

8. The Blessing, favor, and Life-Pr8:33-Hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not. Blessed is the man who hears me. For whoso finds me finds life and shall obtain favor of the Lord

C. Proverbs 28:23-Frankness or flattery? – Most would rather hear something nice about themselves that's not true, than hear honest reproof because they don't know the preciousness of correction

1. **KJ**-He that rebukes a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flatters with the tongue; **CEB**-Those who correct someone will, in the end, find more favor than those with flattering tongues; **CEV**-Honest correction is appreciated more than flattery; **ERV**-Correct someone and later they'll thank you. That is much better than just saying something to be nice; **GNT**-Correct someone and afterward he will appreciate it more than flattery; **ICB**-Those who correct others will later be liked more than those who give false praise; **MSG**-In the end, serious reprimand is appreciated far more than bootlicking flattery; **TLB**-In the end people appreciate frankness more than flattery; **NLT**-In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery

## II. Fools don't like correction

A. Proverbs 12:1-Whoso loves instruction loves knowledge: but he that hates reproof is brutish-If you hate correction you're stupid

1. The person that loves growing (knowledge-skill) loves correction

a. **Instruction**-Correction; **Knowledge**-Skill, wisdom; **Reproof**-Correction; **Brutish**-Foolish, stupid, dull-hearted, unreceptive

2. **ERV**-Whoever hates to be corrected is stupid; **GW**-Whoever hates correction is a dumb animal;

**GNT**-Any who love knowledge want to be told when they are wrong. It is stupid to hate being corrected; **CEV**-To accept correction is wise, to reject it is stupid; **MSG**-How shortsighted to refuse correction;

**VOICE**-Fools hate any kind of correction; **NLV**-Whoever loves strong teaching loves much learning, but he who hates strong words is foolish

3. Proverbs 1:7-The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (**Instruction**-Discipline, correction)

4. Proverbs 8:33-Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not – It's wise to hear instruction (correction) and receive it

B. Proverbs 9:8-Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke (correct) a wise man and he will love you –

A wise person loves correction

1. **AMP**-Do not correct a scoffer [who foolishly ridicules and takes no responsibility for his error] or he will hate you; **GNT**-Never correct conceited people; they will hate you for it. But if you correct the wise, they will respect you; **NABRE**-Don't reprove the arrogant, lest they hate you; **MSG**-If you correct those who care about life, that's different – they'll love you for it
- C. Proverbs 15:31-32-When you refuse correction you oppose yourself
1. **CEV**-You hurt only yourself by rejecting instruction; **ERV**-If you refuse to be corrected, you are only hurting yourself; **TLB**-To reject criticism is to harm yourself and your own best interests; **NLT**-If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction you grow in understanding
- D. Psalm 50:15-20-You hate correction and want to try to speak the word and get results

### III. Correction and the path of life

- A. Proverbs 6:23-For the commandment is a lamp: and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction the way of life
1. **CEV**-Corrective teaching is the path of life; **TLB**-To give you a good life; **NET**-Rebukes of discipline are like the road leading to life
- B. Proverbs 4:13-Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life
1. **Hold**-To have, take, keep hold, retain, take strong hold of; **Instruction**-Correction, chastening; **Let go**-Let drop, abandon, relax, forsake; **Keep**-Kept close; **Life**-Live prosperously
  2. Take strong hold of correction and don't let it go – Is that most people's attitude towards correction?
  3. **AMP**-Take hold of instruction; [actively seek it, grip it firmly and] do not let it go; **ERV**-it is the key to life; **TLB**-They will lead you to real living; **MSG**-Your life is at stake
- C. Proverbs 5:21-23-He will die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray
1. **Instruction**-Correction, discipline, chastening; **Folly**-Foolishness; **Astray**-Error
  2. **CEB**-Those without instruction will die, misled by their own stupidity; **ERV**-Evil people will die because they refused to be disciplined; **TLB**-He shall die because he will not listen to the truth; **NIRV**-They will die because they refused to be corrected; **NLV**-He will die for want of teaching
- D. Proverbs 10:17-He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof errors
1. **Refuses**-Leave, forsake, depart, let go, neglect; **Reproof-Correction**, rebuke, chastisement
  2. **CEV**-Accept correction and you will find life; reject correction and you will miss the road; **GNT**-People who listen when they are corrected will live, but those who will not admit that they are wrong are in danger; **ICB**-The person who accepts correction is on the way to life. But the person who ignores correction will be ruined; **MSG**-Ignore correction and you're lost for good; **VOICE**-Those who accept instruction are travelers on the road to a meaningful life, but those who refuse correction wander off and pave a path to ruin

- E. Proverbs 13:18-*Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be honored*
1. **Poverty**-Lack; **Shame**-Disgrace, dishonor; **Refuses**-Avoid, ignore; **Instruction**-Correction; **Regards**-Give heed, retain, treasure up; **Reproof**-Rebuke, correction, chastisement
  2. **CEV**-*All who refuse correction will be poor and disgraced*; **MSG**-*Refuse discipline and end up homeless; embrace correction and live an honored life*
- F. Proverbs 15:10-*Correction is grievous unto him that forsake the way: and he that hates reproof shall die*
1. **Correction**-Discipline, chastening, correction; **Grievous**-Bad, sad, unhappy, hurtful, displeasing; **Reproof**-Correction
  2. **GNV**-*Instruction is evil to him that forsakes the way*; **GW**-*Discipline is a terrible burden to anyone who leaves the right path*; **NABRE**-*Discipline seems bad to those going astray*