

CORRECTION

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*"For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light,
and the corrections of discipline are the way to life" (Proverbs 6:23).*

How to grow and mature through godly correction . . .

I. Let's get our _____ straight.

- A. Reproof: _____.
- B. Correction: _____.
- C. Rebuke: _____.

II. Correction is a valuable part of Christian _____.

- A. It happens to the _____ of us! (Proverbs 9:9)
- B. Produces a _____ of righteousness.
(Hebrews 12:11)
- C. Smooths out the _____ edges. (Proverbs 27:17)

III. Biblical _____ for reproof and correction:

- A. It's not an _____. (Leviticus 19:17; Luke 17:3-4)
- B. Wise men _____ it; fools _____ it.
(Proverbs 12:1; Proverbs 9:8)

IV. Nuts and _____ of reproof and correction:

- A. When _____ you correct someone?
 - 1. When you can't forget an offense. (Proverbs 28:23)
 - 2. When they have significantly fallen short of God's expectations or standards.
 - 3. When they have consistently fallen short of God's expectations or standards.

B. When _____ to correct someone? (Proverbs 26:17)

- 1. When you are not a part of the problem or part of the solution.
- 2. When you are angry.
- 3. When the issue is simply a personal preference. (Proverbs 13:15)

C. How to _____ reproof and correction:

- 1. Do it quickly and privately. (Ephesians 4:26-27; Matthew 18:15)
- 2. Get your heart right first. (Luke 6:41-42)
- 3. Speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 4:8)
- 4. Share your own faults — relate to them. (James 3:2a)
- 5. Use the Word. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 6. Communicate clearly. (Proverbs 21:11 CEV)

D. How to _____ reproof and correction:

- 1. Be humble, positive and "in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:16)
- 2. Don't react negatively or defensively. (Proverbs 3:11; Proverbs 13:13)
- 3. Receive it and listen! Take it from God. (Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 13:1)
- 4. Repent and ask for forgiveness. (Proverbs 13:18)
- 5. Thank them. (Psalm 141:5; Proverbs 25:12)
- 6. Pray about it and get godly input. (Proverbs 15:12)
- 7. Take action to make it right! (2 Corinthians 7:11)