

GODLY 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 NIV84)

How to grow & mature through Godly correction:

I. Let's get our _____ straight...

A. **Reproof** defined: _____.

B. **Correction** defined: _____.

C. **Rebuke** defined: _____.

II. Correction is a valuable part of Christian _____.

A. It happens to the “_____” of us! (Prov. 9:9)

B. Produces a _____ of righteousness. (Heb. 12:11)

C. Smooths out the _____ edges. (Prov. 27:17)

III. Biblical _____ for reproof & correction:

A. It's not an _____. (Leviticus 19:17; Luke 17:3-4)

B. Wise people _____ it; fools _____ it.
(Proverbs 12:1; Proverbs 9:8)

IV. Nuts & _____ of reproof & correction:

A. When _____ you correct someone?

1. When you can't _____ an offense. (Proverbs 28:23)

2. When they have _____ fallen short of God's expectations or standards.

3. When they have _____ fallen short of God's expectations or standards.

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

1. “If you are not part of the problem or part of the _____ ... then, don't be part of the conversation!”

2. When you are _____ (In the flesh). (Prov. 22:29)

3. When the issue is simply a _____ preference. (Pr. 25:28)

C. How to _____ reproof & correction?

1. Do it quickly & _____. (Eph. 4:26-27; Matt. 18:15)

2. Get your _____ right first. (Luke 6:41-42)

3. Speak the _____ in love. (Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 4:8)

4. Share your own _____-relate to them. (James 3:2a; 1 Pet 5:6)

5. Use the _____ (Bible). (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

6. Communicate _____. (Proverbs 25:11 - ESV)

D. How to _____ reproof & correction:

1. Be _____, positive and “in the spirit.” (Galatians 5:16)

2. Don't react _____ or defensively. (Prov. 3:11; Prov. 13:13)

3. Receive it and _____! Take it from God. (Pr. 12:15; 13:1)

4. _____ and ask for forgiveness. (Proverbs 13:18)

5. _____ them. (Psalms 141:5; Proverbs 25:12)

6. _____ about it & get godly input. (Proverbs 15:12)

7. Take _____ to make it right! (2 Corinthians 7:11)

V. Conclusion: If we want to _____ we must...

1. _____ input and practice loving reproof & correction.