

**How to Respond to
Correction:**

**God's Will for You When
You Are Rebuked**

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- Abraham
- Sarah
- David
- Peter
- Paul



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Everyone
does wrong.

Friends
correct us.

Better is open rebuke



than hidden love.

Proverbs 27:5

**You do not want to
change & grow**

**You are proud, not
humble**

**If you don't
want to be
corrected...**

**God will not give
you help & grace**

**You will not be
good or godly**

- *Proverbs 17:10* “A reproof (rebuke) enters more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool.”
- *Proverbs 19:25* “...Reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.”

- *2 Timothy 3:16-17* “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect...”

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- Proverbs 1:25
- “But ye have set at nought [ignored] all my counsel, and would none of [rejected] my reproof.”
- This refers to the fool.

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- Proverbs 10:17
- “He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.”
- He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who ignores reproof goes astray

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- Proverbs 12:1
- “Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.”
- He that hates correction is stupid.

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- Proverbs 13:1
- “A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.”
- A mocker does not accept correction. He is not wise.

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- Proverbs 13:18
- “Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.”
- He that rejects rebuke shall end in poverty and shame: but he that accepts rebuke shall be honored.

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- Proverbs 15:5
- “A fool despiseth his father's instruction:
but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.”
- A fool despises instructive criticism: but he
that learns from reproof is wise.

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- Proverbs 15:10
- “Correction is grievous unto him that forsakes the way: and he that hates reproof shall die.”
- He that hates being corrected shall die!

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- Proverbs 15:12
- “A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.”
- A scoffer does not want to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.

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- Proverbs 29:1
- “He, that being often reprovved hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”
- Do you stiffen your neck against being corrected?

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- Zephaniah 3:2
- “She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.”

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- Jeremiah 2:30
- “In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction...”

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- Jeremiah 5:3
- “O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.”

What if you think the correction is not deserved?

Even if it is not 100% correct, we can learn from it

God is sovereign: If one corrects us, God allowed it for good

We tend to magnify others' faults and minimize our own

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1. Those that accept reproof are the wise
2. Those that accept reproof get understanding
3. The root of the wise is fearing God and humility

Humility is NOT

**Humility is not
low self-
esteem. That is
pride**

**Humility is not
fear to speak.
That is pride.**

What is Humility?

**Humility does
not exalt self
but serves
others.**

**Humility is not
self-centered &
self-defensive**

How can we be humble?

God allows us:

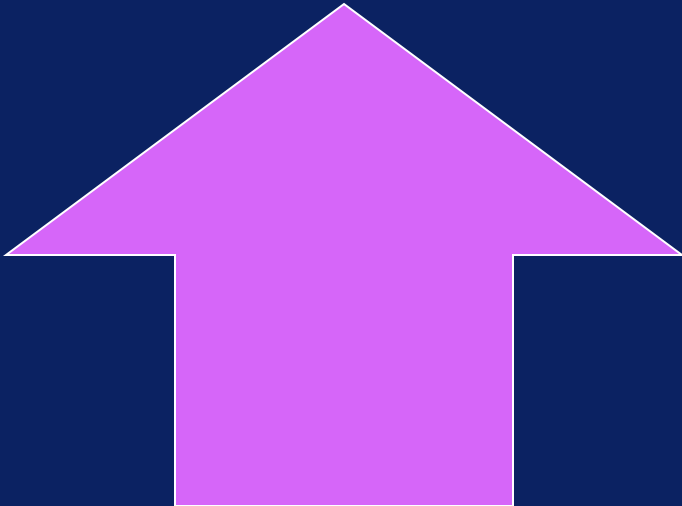
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The beginning
of humility is
admitting that
we are proud.



A key
evidence of
humility is
accepting
correction.

Do not reprove a scoffer,
or he will hate you;

reprove a wise
man and he
will love you.

— Proverbs 9:8 —

