

Proverbs on Giving and Receiving Correction

One of the strangest things about human pride is our agreement that we need correction, but our hatred of receiving it. Nevertheless, Proverbs lays much weight on the virtue of receiving (and giving) needed correction.

I. The Need For Correction

Our tendency toward self-destruction (14:12, 21:16)

Our tendency toward self-righteousness (12:15, 16:2, 20:9)

II. The Obstacles to Correction

Our pride which hates to receive it (15:12)

Our pride which hates to give it (27:5-6, 28:23)

III. The Consequences of Refusing It

Branded stupid and foolish – (12:1;15:5, 17:10)

Go astray (10:17)

Trouble (28:14)

Poverty & shame (13:18)

Destruction (13:13, 29:1)

Death (15:10)

IV. The Blessing of Receiving it

Happiness (28:14)

Deliverance (28:26)

Gaining Wisdom (15:31-32)

V. How to Receive It

Expect It (3:11)

Ask For It (Ps 141:5)

Listen Those Giving It (9:8)

Listen with a view to obeying (25:12)

VI. How to Administer It

Let love motivate it (Prov 27:5-6)

Put man -pleasing aside (28:23)

Consider the receptivity _____ of the person (9:7, 26:4-5, 19:25, 17:10)

Make sure you are plausibly related to the problem _____ (26:17)

Choose your words _____ and your timing carefully (15:23)