



# Proverbs

## *Reproof and Correction*



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### Healthy Starting Points for Reproof and Correction

- \* The church belongs to Jesus
- \* It doesn't matter what we think or how we feel
- \* His word determines if we are doing what he wants or not
- \* Holiness/Image Bearing is extremely important to God
- \* Christianity presumes we are wrong and we need to change





## Reproof and Correction

This subject asks the question:  
**Do you really want to be Wise?**

**Reproof:** To scold or correct, usually gently or with kind intent; censure; express disapproval

**Correction:** the concept of pedagogy

In the Hebrew mind, correction, discipline and instruction lies were not incredibly distinct





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### Comparison (Wise Person vs. Scoffer)

**PRO 9:8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.**

PRO 10:13 On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.

PRO 10:17 Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

**PRO 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.**

PRO 13:1A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.





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### Comparison (Wise Person vs. Scoffer)

PRO 13:18 Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

PRO 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

PRO 15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.

**PRO 15:32 Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.**

**PRO 21:11 When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise; when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.**



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### True Love

PRO 27:5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

PRO 27: 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

**PRO 28:23 Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.**



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### The Scoffer

- Thinks himself a free thinker and casts off all that attempts to restrain him.
- A scoffer is one who ridicules, maligns, jeers, disparages, discredits, or depreciates.
- Scoffers or scornors are self-ignorant, audacious, callous and irreverent.
- They think of themselves as in the know and are proud of their skill.
- They take aim at those near them who stand in authority.



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### The Scoffer

**PRO 5:12 and you say, “How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof!**

PRO 9:7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reprovcs a wicked man incurs injury.

PRO 13:8 The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat.

PRO 15:10 There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way; whoever hates reproof will die.





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### The Scoffer

**PRO 15:12 A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.**

PRO 19:29 Condemnation is ready for scoffers, and beating for the backs of fools.

PRO 29:1 He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing.

**PRO 29:19 By mere words a servant is not disciplined, for though he understands, he will not respond.**



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### Healthy Foundation to Embracing Correction

#### Debunking Worldly Christian Thinking

- Correction does not equal ungentle or unloving correction.
- If we do not correct gently, it is probably because of pride and a lack of long-suffering.
- Bad hearts are difficult to discern externally





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### A Wise Person (Correction/Reproof)

**PRO 1:23** If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

PRO 3:11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof

PRO 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

**PRO 15:31** The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.

PRO 17:10 A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.



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### A Wise Person (Reproof/Correction)

**PRO 20:30 Blows that wound cleanse away evil; strokes make clean the innermost parts.**

PRO 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

PRO 23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.



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### A Wise Person (Reproof/Correction)

PRO 23:14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

**Pro 25:12 Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.**

PRO 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.



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### Important Factors in Reproof and Correction Receiving Correction and Reproof

- Unteachability is one of the most dangerous traits for human.
- Even the most gifted, have areas that need correction.
- Correction is an opportunity to cultivate valuing God's glory and other people's good above our reputation. It helps us not think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think
- God might bring correction through an unexpected person (Is willing to learn from anyone).





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### Important Factors in Reproof and Correction Receiving Correction and Reproof

- A wise person is a righteous person. Wisdom is not merely an intellectual power, it is a moral quality or character.

The teachable take in "instruction" like necessary nutrition and become stronger and stronger by it. Because of his overinflated ego, he won't listen when told he has erred.

- God's Spirit is often hindered from working in our lives because pride, stubbornness, and an unwillingness to change.





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- God is the only one that grants repentance and leads to the knowledge of truth (escape the devil's snare) (correction is the tool).
- God is sovereign in this transaction (He blesses his own means of Grace)
- Reproofs are sharp objects and should not be used by kids.





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### Why do we struggle with Reproof and Correction?

We have not embraced a Reverential Fear of The Lord

#### Take Aways

Godly people are at risk of being despised or hated because of a rebuke so pray for courage.

invest in teachable people not people who don't desire Jesus.

Wise people love it and only become wiser, scoffers hate rebukes.

