

2 Samuel 16-17

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. Proverbs 9:9

David is fleeing Jerusalem and will soon be pursued by his own son. Perhaps he realizes that he may have made some mistakes along the way. When a man named Shimei throws rocks at David and curses him as David and his men pass his property David's men want to destroy him. David stops them.

David "as a man after God's own heart" realizes that he is not above correction.

A faithful man remains open to correction. If a man will stand up to an entire army and a king at great risk, perhaps he has something to say that he deeply believes in.

- 1. Are you quick to receive correction or is your immediate default to be defensive?
- 2. When was the last time you admitted you were wrong?
- 3. Is this an area that needs to be addressed in your life?
- 4. You are significant enough to receive correction and take it.
- 5. Receive the Lord's rebuke and grow.
- 6. Receive the Lord's discipline and thrive.
- 7. Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
- 8. Be big enough to make yourself small enough to grow as a faithful priest.

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. 1 Samuel 2:35