

Give and Receive Scriptural Correction

1. Recognize that Scriptural correction is a biblical command that is for the ____ of the one who receives it.

- Luke 17:3 - "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them."
- Heb. 3:12-13 - "12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

2. Give correction to protect yourself from falling into ____.

Lev. 19:17 - "17 'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.'"

3. Prepare _____ you correct someone:

- Examine our own heart and actions - Matt 7:3-5 "³Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."
- Think carefully through what you are going to say beforehand.
 - Are they wise? Prov 12:18 - "¹⁸The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."
 - Restrained and even tempered: Prov. 17:27 - "²⁷The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered."
 - Gracious: Prov. 16:21 - "²¹The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction."

4. Offer the _____:

- Seek to hear them out: Prov. 18:13 - “¹³To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.”
- The goal is restoration: Gal. 6:1 - “ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.”
- Do it gently, but with clarity: “My friend, what you did was wrong. In the future, don’t do that.”
- Do it individually: Matt. 18:15 - “¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

5. Be a person who humbly _____ correction.

- Our perspective can be off: Prov 14:12 - “¹²There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”
- It will preserve you from bad long-term outcomes:
 - Prov. 1:29-31 - “²⁹since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. ³⁰Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, ³¹they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.”
 - Prov 15:10 - “¹⁰Stern discipline awaits anyone who leaves the path; the one who hates correction will die.”
 - To put it simply, there is not a lot of hope for one who is not willing to receive correction.
- It leads to honor: Prov. 13:18 - “¹⁸Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.”
- Be one who receives and considers correction:
 - Prov. 9:8 - “⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.”
 - Prov. 12:1 - “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”
 - Prov. 17:10 - “¹⁰A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.”
- A true friend is most likely to give you correction: Prov. 27:5-6 - “⁵Better is open rebuke than hidden love. ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”