

Life is going to be filled with corrections; Job, Bank, Driving, as a Child, As a parent with children, in marriage... This is a reality of life.

This is also a reality in Salvation: Relationship with God, Marriage, Disciple, Ministry, Pastor... The key receiving correction is to understand its PURPOSE- ... Our passage teaches us the purpose and benefit of correction.

Proverbs 15:31–32 (NKJV) The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise. ³² He who despairs instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

I REJECTING CORRECTION:

A- Our passage uses some words that people tend to pull away from;

1. Rebuke, Instruction; Typically people connect those words to TROUBLE
 - a. You are in trouble, you did wrong, you did BAD, you need correction, you need a rebuke, you need fixing
2. So because there is a negative connotation to these, we can reject them-

B- Because people view these with negative connotations, now they become magnified by what is in us:

1. Rejection: Fear of rejection, Self rejection, Past rejection... in correction we think *I am now rejected*
2. Worth: Some equate worth and value to their correction... Since I was corrected NOW I am worth less!
3. Self Pity: WOE is ME, I was corrected so now I am going to pout and tell everyone about it-
4. Intelligence: Some think its a matter of intelligence... I must not be very smart since I needed correction.
5. Each one of these causes us to reject correction... But our passage tells us different; We should embrace it!

II THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTION:

A- The only way we can embrace correction is to see it correctly; Understand the purpose-

1. **V31/32** uses the word Rebuke: Reprimand, argument, punishment
 - a. FOR GOOD; Some decisions, choices, actions need reprimanding in order to fix, heal, deliver-
 - b. Some decisions, actions and choices need to be argued against... *You aren't seeing that you are destroying!*
 - c. Some decisions, actions and choices need to be punished for redemption!

2. **V32** uses Instruction: Discipline, Chastening, Correction, Punishment

- a. Again for the good, for the benefit of the individual-
- b. Some decisions, actions, words, and choices need to be disciplined: That is not Christian/righteous
- c. Chastened & Punished: Because pain is a reminder of what I don't want to do again...
- d. Correction: To keep us going in the right direction so we don't self destruct!

3. The purpose is to bless and help YOU!
 - a. It may be painful, difficult, suck... BUT its for your BENEFIT... the purpose is to HELP me.

B- So wouldn't it be better to:

1. Make the decision that I will allow correction to help me: No matter how I feel, I will let it help me.
2. Pray: God give me a heart that can receive correction... you may need to work some things out of your heart.
 - a. Pray for a Mind that can remember this: When it happens, help me to remember its to Help me!
 - i. You might need to judge some mindsets, and mind battles
3. Determine your response: What will I do with it? Disdain it and despise it? Or receive it and apply it-

III THE BLESSING OF CORRECTION:

A- Our passage gives us the blessing of correction:

1. The first blessing is Wisdom: **V31** The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise...
 - a. If you can receive and apply correction you will gain wisdom. It will stick with you!
 - i. Some men make the same repeated mistakes... they never learn... how is that possible? They reject it-
 - b. You will look wise... people will look to you for wisdom, ask of you, receive from you-
2. The second blessing is Understanding: **V32** But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding
 - a. Intelligence: Your going to be smarter about things next time... & you will be able to make broader connections
 - b. Inner Man: There will develop an instinctive and intuitive response to life... You will think & respond scripturally