

RECEIVING CORRECTION

Proverbs 15:31–32 (NKJV)

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 disdains 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