

Coveting Correction

I. Agents In Correction

Ultimately, all correction comes from God

- God. Jer.10:24; Hb.12:9
- Parents. Hb.12:7-8, 11; Prov.15:5
- Scripture. 2 Tim.3:16. Lk.13:3,5
- Brothers. 2 Tim.2:25; Gal.6:1 (4:16)
- Sin. Jer.2:19. Prov.13:15; Lk.15.

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II. Attitudes In
Correction

Some never accept correction

Stubborn

Ac.7:51

Stiff-necked, as ox that
will not bend.
Stephen's audience

Perverse

Ac.13:8-10

Cause to depart from
an accepted standard.
Marriage; morals

Darkened

Ep.4:18a

Cover with darkness.
“I was in the dark”
Ex.10:21-23

Hard-headed

Ep.4:18d

Cover with a callus.
Dulled perception
Mk.3:5

Petri-faction

Some never accept correction

Some embrace correction

I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts”

– Isa.6:5

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Some embrace correction

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately – Acts 18

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Some embrace correction

Most accept some correction, reject other

- Anger. 2 Chron.16:7-10
- Arrogance. Hb.12:5
 - ◆ Despise: *think lightly, make light* of someth.
Look down on, have contempt for. Self-willed.
 - ◆ Discouraged: grow weary, faint-hearted;
tired out.
 - ▶ Prov.3:11, detest, loathe.

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III. Aim In Correction

Look for it.

- Jn.15:18-20
 - ‘To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.’
 - ‘If you are a Christian, you can expect folks to criticize, but you ought to live so nobody will believe them.’
- Dn.6

Look for it.
Learn from it.

- Hab.2:1
 - Respond with humility. Ac.5:41
 - Jg.8, Gideon
 - Lk.14:7-11, at the bottom
 - Ph.2:3

Look for it.
Learn from it.

- Hab.2:1
 - Respond with humility. Ac.5:41
 - Rely upon Scripture. Ac.6:1-7
 - When criticized, listen:

If justified, accept it. 1-2 Sm.

If unjustified, don't despair. 1 Pt.2

Either way, profit. Prov.13:18

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Learn from it.

- Hab.2:1
 - Respond with humility. Ac.5:41
 - Rely upon Scripture. Ac.6:1-7
 - Realize people are watching. 2 Co.8:20f

‘Providing’: Paul kept
good conscience with God,
good reputation with men

Mt.5:23-24, receive correction

Mt.18:15-17, give correction

- It's not enough to say we covet correction.

‘Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things’ – W. Churchill