

God's Wisdom for Our Lives – Week 6

It's Expected to Be Corrected

Review

1. Over-Arching Theme of Proverbs: Wisdom
 - a. The foundation of Biblical wisdom: The fear of the LORD (Prov 1:7, 9:10, 31:30)
 - i. "Lord, I trust you, and what you say goes, no matter what."
2. The fear of the Lord leads to godliness in everyday life.
3. Key Theme: There are only two ways to live.

There is a way to life. That way is called wisdom, which is living in reference to God, in the fear of the Lord. There is a way to death. That way is called folly, which is rejecting or living without reference to God.

4. Key Theme: Don't follow your heart – lead it!
5. Key Theme: The source of our sin is from within.

Key Theme: It's expected to be corrected.

6. What are some different responses that we might have to correction?
7. Why are we naturally resistant to correction?
8. Why do we hesitate to correct others?
9. What difference should the gospel make for the previous two questions?

Read Proverbs 3:11-12

10. Whose discipline are we *not* to despise in verse 11?
11. What reason is given for not being weary of his reproof in verse 12?
12. What is the manner in which this discipline is given? (v 12, See also Heb. 12)
13. How do the previous two questions inform our response to this discipline?
14. What are some of the avenues by which we receive this discipline?

Read Proverbs 27:5-6 and Proverbs 9:7-9

15. Why is open rebuke better than hidden love? (Proverbs 27:5)

16. Why might we be tempted toward hidden love? (Proverbs 27:5)

17. How do the actions of a friend differ from those of an enemy? (Proverbs 27:6)

18. How does Proverbs 9:7-9 articulate the value of correction for the wise.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

19. What is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness? (verse 16)

20. How does this passage speak to our competency and our being equipped to correct others?

21. How does this passage speak to our engagement with Scripture?

22. How does Scripture help us to determine what things require correction?

23. Let's get practical...

- a. How does understanding that the source of sin is from within help us to receive correction?
- b. How does our justification before God in Christ help us to receive correction?
- c. How does love's believing all things help us to receive correction? (1 Cor 13:7)
- d. How does our justification before God in Christ help us to give correction?
- e. How does the gospel help us to receive correction that is misplaced (that is someone seeks to correct us, but their correction proves to be misguided)?
- f. Are you convinced that God intends to use you to correct his beloved children?
- g. Is the Lord calling you to correct someone in love, but you have been too fearful to do so?
- h. Is there someone who has corrected you and you did not receive that correction well? Will you take the opportunity to thank that person for his or her correction and to apologize for not appreciating it at the time?