

THE GIFT OF CORRECTION

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(Ecclesiastes 7:5)

You need to be corrected. You will never outgrow correction. The gift of correction opens your eyes to your faults. It helps you **AVOID** experiencing the consequences of wrong decision making.

It is the **ONLY** thing that empowers you to change for the better. A wise person will always **SEEK** correction. They understand its power. Fools reject correction. Their ignorance prevents them from being empowered.

- Fools view correction as a **PUNISHMENT**.
- Wise people view correction as a **GIFT**.
- Fools view correction as an **INSULT**.
- Wise people view correction as a **COMPLIMENT**.
- Fools view correction as **DISRESPECT**.
- Wise people view correction as a **BLESSING**.
- Fools will **HATE** you when you correct them.

- Wise people will **LOVE** you when you correct them.

Your perspective of correction will determine how far you go in life. If you think correction is a bad thing you will live a limited life. However, if you believe correction is a good thing your possibilities and opportunities will become unlimited.

The difference between people who fail and those who succeed is obvious. The people who **FAIL REFUSE CORRECTION**. The people who **SUCCEED EMBRACE CORRECTION**.

The result of failure starts with the **REFUSAL** of correction. For example, People who refuse financial correction end up in debt. People who refuse spiritual correction will be deceived by the enemy. People who refuse divine correction will be destroyed. **FAILURE IS THE PROOF THAT A PERSON REJECTED CORRECTION!!!**

WHO SHOULD YOU RECEIVE CORRECTION FROM?

You should only receive correction from a wise person. Wisdom **DOES NOT** have an age. Wise people are qualified to correct you. They have the **ABILITY** to lead you toward the path of righteousness. When you take correction from a person who is **NOT** wise you will experience massive failure.

ECCLESIASTES 7:5 SAYS, "IT IS BETTER TO BE CORRECTED BY A WISE PERSON THAN TO BE PRAISED BY A FOOL."

YOU SHOULD NEVER RECEIVE CORRECTION FROM THESE TYPES OF PEOPLE:

- **DO NOT** receive correction from **OLDER PEOPLE** who are void of wisdom.

- **DO NOT** receive correction from **YOUNG PEOPLE** who are void of wisdom.
- **DO NOT** receive correction from an **EXPERIENCED PERSON** who is void of wisdom.
- **DO NOT** receive correction from a **SPIRITUAL LEADER** who is void of wisdom.
- **DO NOT** receive correction from a **GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL** who is void of wisdom.
- **DO NOT** receive correction from a **FAMILY MEMBER** who is void of wisdom.

**DO NOT RECEIVE CORRECTION FROM ANYONE
WHO IS VOID OF WISDOM!**

When people are correcting you they are redirecting you.
You cannot afford to follow the direction of a person void

of wisdom. People who are void of wisdom will inherit everything foolish. Proverbs 1:25-28 tells us what happens to people who are **VOID** of Wisdom.

Proverbs 1:25-28 says, "You did not follow my advice and did not listen when I corrected you. So I will laugh when you are in trouble. I will make fun when disaster strikes you, when disaster comes over you like a storm, when trouble strikes you like a whirlwind, when pain and trouble overwhelm you." Then you will call to me, but I will not answer. You will look for me but you will not find me."

WISDOM IS THE ABILITY TO MAKE GODLY DECISIONS

- Intellectual decisions are **NOT** Godly decisions.
- Knowledgeable decisions are **NOT** Godly decisions.
- Good decisions are **NOT** Godly decisions.

WISE DECISIONS ARE GODLY DECISIONS!

Many people will attempt to correct you. However, it is your responsibility to discern if they are **QUALIFIED** to correct you. People who are qualified to correct you are wise in their understanding. Think about it. If someone brought you a dirty apple would you eat it? Would you drink a glass of discolored water?

Would you eat clean food from a dirty plate? I assume you would answer **NO** to all of these questions. Here is the point. **BEFORE** you receive correction always examine the source of the correction so you can predict the **QUALITY** of the information.

WISE CORRECTION IS NOT ALWAYS GENTLE .
HOWEVER, IT IS HELPFUL.

Receiving correction may not be a pleasant experience but it will be a helpful experience. The **PURPOSE** of correction is not to make you feel good. It is to help you **BE** good. Sometimes a corrective voice may yell at you. A

corrective voice may hurt your feelings. The spirit of correction does not appeal to your emotions. It changes your behavior. Jesus proved this theory when He corrected Peter in Matthew 16:22-23

In the scripture Peter attempted to persuade Jesus **NOT** to die on the cross but Jesus corrected Peter in his conversation. Jesus was **NOT** pleasant when He responded to Peter. He did **NOT** soothe Peter's feelings. He did **NOT** cater to His emotions.

JESUS REBUKED PETER. HE DID NOT APPEAL TO HIM.

He was focused on correcting Peter's behavior.

Sometimes the **BEST** correction will come in the most **UNPLEASANT** ways. Do not get distracted by a person's delivery when they are telling you a powerful message!

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