



Ordinary Faithfulness

steady Christian living in the normal pressures of life

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Wise believers do not resist correction, but receive it humbly because God uses it to shape their lives

EMBARK

It is easy to talk about wanting to grow, but growth often comes through correction, and that is rarely comfortable. We do not naturally welcome being confronted, exposed, or told we are wrong. Even when correction is wise and loving, pride can rise quickly. Scripture teaches that teachability is a mark of wisdom, humility, and spiritual maturity.



1. Why is it often hard to receive correction, even when we know we need it?

EXAMINE

READ Proverbs 9:8–9

2. How do the responses of the mocker and the wise person differ?
3. What does this passage teach about the connection between wisdom and correction?
4. Why does a teachable person grow through rebuke?

READ Proverbs 12:1

5. What strong contrast does this proverb make?
6. What does this verse show about the danger of hating correction?

READ Psalm 141:5

7. How does David describe the rebuke of a righteous person?
8. Why would godly correction be called an act of kindness?
9. What attitude toward correction does this verse model?

READ Galatians 6:1

10. How should a spiritual person respond when someone is caught in sin?
11. What does this verse teach about both restoring others and guarding ourselves?
12. Why do humility and gentleness matter in correction?

EXPOSE

We often resist correction because the heart prefers self-protection over humble growth.

- **We confuse correction with rejection**
We can act as though being corrected means being dismissed rather than helped.
- **We become defensive instead of honest**
Pride pushes us to explain, deflect, or protect ourselves instead of listening.
- **We want affirmation more than transformation**
We often prefer to feel encouraged rather than be changed.
- **We forget that God often uses people to help us grow**
We may say we want God to shape us, while resisting the very means He uses.

THIS WEEK:

Choose one concrete step

- *ask a trusted believer where you may have a blind spot*
- *pray specifically for a humble heart under correction*
- *revisit a past correction you resisted and consider what was true in it*
- *encourage someone by speaking needed truth with gentleness and care*

Diagnostic questions:

- How do I typically respond when I am corrected?
- Where am I more defensive than teachable?
- Do I view rebuke as kindness from God, or mainly as a threat?
- Who has enough access to my life to correct me honestly?

ENGAGE

Discuss these matters with your table and summarize your findings to share with the group.

Step 1: Identify

What are some common ways people respond poorly to correction?

Step 2: Reflect

Why do people often become defensive when they are corrected?

Step 3: Apply

What is one area where you need to become more teachable right now?

Step 4: Encourage

How can believers correct one another truthfully, gently, and with restoration in view?

MEMORIZE

Proverbs 12:1 (CSB) “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but one who hates correction is stupid.”

