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**Walk in Wisdom
Correct Me If I'm Wrong**

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Everybody wants to be right. Few people want to be corrected.

Proverbs 12:1 *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*

I. THE FOOL RESENTS CORRECTION

Proverbs 9:7–8 *Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.*

Proverbs 15:12 *A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.*

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Five Signs You're Becoming Unteachable

1. You immediately become defensive.
Proverbs 18:13 *If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.*
2. You tend to attack the messenger.
3. You very often have an explanation.
4. You tend to only listen to people who agree with you.
5. You rarely apologize without qualification.

Proverbs 29:1 *He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing.*

II. THE WISE RECEIVE CORRECTION

Proverbs 9:8–9 *Reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.*

Proverbs 15:31–32 *The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.*

Proverbs 13:18 *Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.*

Proverbs 19:20 *Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.*

Proverbs 18:17 *The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.*

Proverbs 27:5–6 *Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.*

Proverbs 27:17 *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 28:23 *Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.*

III. THE LORD USES CORRECTION

Proverbs 3:11–12 *My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.*

Hebrews 12:6, 10, 11 *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives... He disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness... For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

2 Timothy 3:16–17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 4:3–4 *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

IV. THE HUMBLE RESPOND WITH REPENTANCE

Proverbs 28:13 *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

Psalms 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

