

Door Creek Church | Devotional Plan

Monday, March 30

Proverbs 9 | Loving Correction

“Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.” Proverbs 9:8

My wife loves grammar.

She is the self-proclaimed “grammar police.”

She catches my dangling modifiers and never lets me end a sentence with a preposition. God forbid.

She’s brilliant like that.

Whether my message notes or a birthday card, I can count on my wife to make it better.

The thing is, I love writing. I mean, not the mechanics of writing, I find that tedious and boring. I love the art of writing. I get a thrill from putting turns of phrase together in new and surprising ways. *Who cares if some rules are bent just a little?*

Well, apparently the readers do. My wife has taught me that I need another set of eyes to catch the things I miss. Without a loving proofreader, I’m in trouble.

So now, when I write something (like this meditation), I’ve learned to take a deep breath and hand it over to my wife. Understanding that when she crosses out my Oxford commas and points out all my spelling mistakes, she’s not trying to be mean. She’s making me better.

“Rebuke” is a stained-glass word that in Christian circles simply means “correction.” **And it’s one of the most loving things God does.**

Hebrews 12:6 tells us, *“The Lord disciplines those He loves.”*

Revelation 3:19 says, *“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”*

It goes against the grain of our nature to be corrected. Most of us get defensive when someone tells us we’re wrong. We shift blame, make excuses or ignore rebuke altogether.

By default, we treat the Bible like a buffet. We pick out our favorite passages while conveniently passing up on the ones that don’t agree with our lifestyle of choice. When we do that, we pass up on the things we need the most.

Wise people love God for His correction.

Wise people grow wiser by admitting they are not God.

Wise people trust Him even when it doesn't make sense yet.

Let's not make light of the loving rebuke of our Creator. Let's humbly learn from Him, and LOVE Him for it.