

Sermon Notes

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“Are You Open to Correction?”

Proverbs 15:31-33

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How easy – or difficult – is it for you to say: “I was wrong”?

Verse 31. Can you think of examples in which you have gained wisdom – practical knowledge for living – as a result of listening to a strong rebuke?

Verse 32. What are some examples in which “ignore(ing) discipline” leads to negative consequences in someone’s life?

Verse 33. The Bible often speaks of “the fear of the LORD”; what does this mean?

- Humility is an important character trait all through the Bible (for starters see 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 18:1-4, Philippians 2:3ff., 1 Peter 5:6). How readily do you approach God and others with humility?

Is there someone with whom you are open about your shortcomings, and from whom you accept words of rebuke or correction? If so, you probably know that this person loves you and desires the best for you. Consider how much God loves you and wants what is best for you (John 3:16).