

The Priority of Loving Correction

1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13

Loving correction is _____.

Community expressions of loving correction:

1. **We _____ one another. 4:14-15**
 Acts 20:31; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:14-15
 Danger: Family admonition is not _____!
2. **We treat one another as "_____."**
 Discipline is not an _____ of love but an _____ of love.
 Hebrews 12:6-9; Proverbs 13:24
3. **We "come _____ one another. 16**
 "exhort" *parakaleo* – cf. *Paraklete* – The _____ term used for _____ back to back
4. **We _____ worthy _____.**
 "imitators" *mimetes* – _____
 1 Cor. 11:1; Philippians 3:17; Hebrews 6:12, 12:11-13; Galatians 6:1
5. **We _____ one another. 17**
 Loving correction is not a _____ but a _____.
6. **We allow consequences to check _____.**
 Ignoring sin is not _____ but _____.
 Love demands a restoring response because sin is _____.
 Romans 6:23; 1 Cor. 11:20; 1 John 5:16
7. **We work for _____ not _____ . 2 Cor. 2:5-11**
 "re _____" > "for _____" > "com _____"
 "lest he be 'over _____"
 Galatians 6:1 " _____ such a one"
 - to _____ a break e.g. a _____
 - to _____ a tear e.g. a _____
 - to _____ for service e.g. a _____

Challenge: Practice the _____ and _____ of *parakaleo*.

What should I do if I am admonished or corrected?

- Remain _____ and _____.
- _____, if it is faithful.

What should I do if I know someone I love on a destructive path?

Lovingly call them to _____.

What's that?

What's that *not*?

Discussion/Study Guide

Opener: Share an e.g. when someone's correction made a difference in your life?

Groups: You won't have time to cover all the principles or verses below, but ask each question and then discuss what you see as encouraging, dangerous or missing in our modern expressions.

1. Why is the ministry of correction important to discipleship?

To the church? To the family?

Hebrews 3:13, 10:25 - Encourage (*parakaleo*) prevents hardness of heart.

Colossians 3:16 A result of letting God's Word live in us.

Acts 20:31 Exemplified by the early church and the apostles.

Revelation 3:19 Practical result of love – God, Father, exemplifies.

James 5:19-20 Save someone's life (from discipline to death).

2. What are the qualifications to correct?

Matthew 7:3-5 Self-exam. & a measure of victory in the area.

Galatians 6:1-3 Spiritual & self-examine

Romans 15:14 Maturity & filling

3. What is the goal of correction?

Colossians 1:28 Maturity – to present us complete.

Galatians 6:1-5 Restore

Luke 17:3 Forgiveness

James 5:19-20 Repentance & healing

4. What is the spirit for correction?

1 Timothy 5:1 Gentle concern – as a family member.

1 Corinthians 4:14 Love

2 Timothy 2:24-26 Not quarrelsome, kind, teachable, patient, gentle

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 Come as a brother, not an enemy.

1 Thessalonians 2:11, 5:11-15 Family relationship, desire to build up & help

5. The authority for correction?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Delegated by God to those who labor among you

Titus 1:13, 2:15 Commanded by God. At time severe. Can't disregard.

2 Timothy 3:16-4:2 The Word of God

Titus 1:9-11 Countering rebellious people w/ the Word

6. The procedure for correction?

1 John 5:16-17 Prayer

Matthew 18:15-17 Alone in private. W/ another. To the church.

1 Timothy 5:1, 19-25 Appeal (in private); after Mt. 18 can lead to disassociation

1 Corinthians 5

2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15

Deuteronomy 19:15-20 Witnesses & accuser present

1 Corinthians 11:30-32 Can lead to God taking a believer home thru death

2 Corinthians 2:1-11 Restoration after repentance.

Prayer Target: Families and a spiritual family committed to equipping and restoring!

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- 1. We admonish one another. 4:14-15**
Acts 20:31; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:14-15
Danger: Family admonition is not condemnation!
- 2. We treat one another as "beloved."**
Discipline is not an antonym of love but an expression of love.
Hebrews 12:6-9; Proverbs 13:24
- 3. We "come alongside one another. 16**
"exhort" *parakaleo* – cf. *Paraklete* – The Holy Spirit
term used for soldiers back to back
- 4. We provide worthy models.**
"imitators" *mimetes* - mimics
1 Cor. 11:1; Philippians 3:17; Hebrews 6:12, 12:11-13; Galatians 6:1
- 5. We remind one another. 17**
Loving correction is not a single reprimand but a continuing reminder.
- 6. We allow consequences to check arrogant rebellion.**
Ignoring sin is not tolerance but arrogance.
Love demands a restoring response because sin is deadly.
Romans 6:23; 1 Cor. 11:20; 1 John 5:16
- 7. We work for restoration not alienation. 2 Cor. 2:5-11**
"repent" > "forgive" > "comfort"
"lest he be 'overwhelmed'"
Galatians 6:1 "restore such a one"
 - to heal a break e.g. a bone
 - to mend a tear e.g. a net
 - to equip for service e.g. a soldier

Challenge: Practice the take and give of *parakaleo*.

What should I do if I am admonished or corrected?

- Remain teachable and humble.
- Repent, if it is faithful.

What should I do if I know someone I love on a destructive path?

Lovingly call them to repent.

What's that?

What's that *not*?