



proverbs: wisdom for living





Proverbs are instructions to obtain wisdom for making decisions which result in successful living.



Proverbs are Principles Not Promises

Knowledge – intellectual information

**Wisdom – the effective application of
knowledge**

3 components in receiving correction:

Messenger – the character of the person speaking.

Messaging – how the message is delivered.

Message – content of what is communicated.



Accepting Correction

1. Failing to Accept Correction is Stupid

**Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates reproof is stupid.**

Proverbs 12:1 ESV

2. Failing to Accept Correction Equals Despising Yourself

**Whoever ignores instruction despises
himself, but he who listens to
reproof gains intelligence.**

Proverbs 15:32 ESV

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

Proverbs 10:17 ESV

4. Failing to Accept Correction Results in Long-Term Consequences

**He who is often reprovved, yet
stiffens his neck, will suddenly
be broken beyond healing.**

Proverbs 29:1 ESV

Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed— without remedy.

Proverbs 29:1 NIV

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Acts 7:51-53. ESV

**But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says,
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the
humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to
you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and
purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:6-10 ESV

5. Accepting Correction Results in Wisdom

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

Proverbs 19:20 ESV

- **Failing to accept correction is stupid.**
- **Failing to accept correction equals despising yourself.**
- **Failing to accept correction results in going astray.**
- **Failing to accept correction results in long-term consequences.**
- **Accepting correction results in wisdom.**