



# Design: Accepts healthy correction without self-justification

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	<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Experiential</b>	<b>Relational</b>	<b>Instructional</b>
<b>1</b>	Memorize and meditate on Proverbs 19:20; Galatians 2:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.	Make a commitment to thank mentors, friends or family members when they offer correction, and to tell them that you will seek God's help to bring transformation in that area.	Find several people who are good at receiving correction, and imitate their lives.	Study Proverbs 19:20; Galatians 2:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.
<b>2</b>	Meditate on Proverbs 9:8-9. Reflect on how you typically respond when you are facing correction. Ask forgiveness and receive God's grace.	Go to a mentor and tell them about a situation where you know you acted or responded poorly. Invite them to correct you.	Ask one or several spiritual friends to hold you accountable next time you receive correction to respond in a healthy manner.	Read passages where Jesus corrected the 12 apostles and study how they responded. What were the consequences of their response?
<b>3</b>	Meditate on Proverbs 27:9. Thank God for people who are willing to correct you in your life, and pray that you would be willing to accept correction.	Follow up with those who have corrected you, coming back to them some time later to let them know that their correction is being put into action.	Share with someone close to you about a time you received correction and how it made you feel. Share why it was tempting to justify yourself, why you gave in to self-justification, and the consequences of your choice. Invite them to pray for you.	Find and read books or articles on the topic of receiving correction (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
<b>4</b>	Pray that God would give you a desire for growth and an openness to receive correction.	Regularly take initiative to invite others (family, spiritual partners) to give you advice on your personal growth.	Go to your mentor or other leader and share why it is easy for you to justify yourself when facing healthy correction. Invite them to pray for you.	Listen to audio teachings on Church and Family Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
<b>5</b>	Pray that God would bring you healthy correction where you most need it, and that when correction comes He will give you the strength to repent and ask forgiveness from others (where appropriate).	Ask a friend, family member, or mentor to tell you about any areas of weakness they see in you. Ask them to hold you accountable to not justify yourself in your response to their observations.	Ask several intercessors to pray for you in this regard.	Find testimonies or stories of people who had no one correcting them, or refused the correction of others. What were the consequences they suffered as a result?
<b>6</b>	Ask God to give you freedom from the fear of making mistakes, knowing that you have people in your life who will correct you.	Consciously practice remaining silent and not defending yourself when you are corrected.	As a submission to those who have corrected you, ask them to pray for you and report back to them about your progress.	Study healthy and unhealthy responses to healthy correction in the Bible, and compare the different results. For example: Adam and Eve's response to God, David's response to Nathan, Cain's response to God.
<b>7</b>	Ask God to show you times in the past when you have been corrected and part of your response was justifying yourself. Ask for His forgiveness for these times and receive His grace.	Gather 2-3 people you trust together to give you healthy critique/feedback. Listen and take notes, but do not justify anything (even if you can).		Teach someone about the benefits of accepting correction (start with Proverbs 13:10 and Proverbs 19:20).
<b>8</b>	Reflect on reasons why it is difficult for you to accept other people's corrections. Pray and fast over the reasons which are hard to overcome.			Identify and study at least two examples of people in the Old Testament who were corrected by their leader (perhaps God Himself) and responded well to the correction.
<b>9</b>	Worship God with songs about His grace and mercy. Thank God for the times when you humbly received correction. Reflect on His response when you fail.			Identify and study two who did not respond properly to correction and instead justified themselves. What were the outcomes and consequences in each example?