

Gentle Restoration

A Community of Peace	[constructive correction?]		<p>What is your initial reaction to this word-correction? Why is correction often viewed as a negative rather than a positive activity?</p>
	<p>[giving]</p> <p>Galatians 6.1</p> <p>In love Matthew 18.15</p> <p>restoration Matthew 18.12;21-35</p> <p>Face to face Matthew 5.23-24</p> <p>Too serious to overlook</p> <p>Is it dishonoring to God? Romans 2.21-24</p> <p>Is it damaging your relationship?</p> <p>Is it hurting others or you? Luke 17.2-3; 1 Corinthians 5.6</p> <p>Is it hurting the offender? James 5.19-20</p> <p>Consider this:</p>	Going Deeper—Living it Out	<p>What damage can occur when you correct others for selfish reasons or in a clumsy manner?</p> <p>Describe the benefits that come from seeking to correct and restore someone out of genuine love and in a carefully planned way.</p> <p>Some people tend to “over-correct” (confront others too eagerly and quickly), while others tend to “under-correct” (avoid offering correction even when it is truly needed.) What excuses do we often use to justify these tendencies?</p> <p>What biblical passages or principles will help us to avoid these extremes?</p>

A Community of Peace	[receiving]		<p>Why is it so difficult to receive correction? What does your response indicate about you?</p>
	<p>What does your response tell you?</p> <p>Through the cross Galatians 2.20</p> <p>Humility and Honesty</p> <p>[putting it together] Relational renovation</p> <p>A Beautiful wound</p> <p>[big questions] How do I typically react to correction?</p> <p>How do I typically give correction/advice?</p> <p>Do people feel comfortable offering me correction, or do I have a habit of responding with defensiveness and self-justification?</p> <p>Do my words nourish?</p> <p>[next step] Evaluate your “correction inclination” and identify 3 characteristics of Christ that you can imitate to learn how to correct and restore others in a more loving and timely manner.</p>	Going Deeper—Living it Out	<p>Describe God’s criticism of us and how that should affect the way we give and receive correction.</p> <p>How can correction become a beautiful thing in our relationships?</p> <p>What do these passages have to say about correction? Proverbs 9.9 Proverbs 12.15 Proverbs 13.10 Proverbs 15.32</p> <p>How will what we have learned help you to experience more redemptive relationships?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIZE THIS!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Galatians 6.1 (NIV)</p>