

Open rebuke is better  
 Than love carefully concealed.  
Faithful are the wounds of a friend.  
 But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.  
 As iron sharpens iron,  
 So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend  
 (Proverbs 27:5, 6, 17, NKJV).

- \* ANONYMOUS LETTERS
- \* DON'T PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO SOME MEMBERS - KY PREACHER

\* CRITICISM IN COUNSELING  
 If you get more stubborn every time you are corrected, one day you will be crushed and never recover (Proverbs 29:1, GNT).

*NON-DECKING* → *NON-DECKING*  
 A fool always loses his temper,  
 But a wise man holds it back (Proverbs 29:11, NASB).

- \* CAROL ELMS
- \* PURSUIT BEHAVIOR

It is better to go to a funeral than to a party. We all must die, and everyone living should think about this. Sorrow is better than laughter, and sadness has a good influence on you. A wise person thinks about death, but a fool thinks only about having a good time. It is better to be criticized by a wise person than to be praised by a fool. The laughter of fools is like the crackling of thorns in a cooking fire. Both are useless.  
 (Ecclesiastes 7:2-6, NCV). *DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CRITICISM 2 IMPROVE + ABUSE, MIND READING, Gossip + DISHONESTY*

- \* BOB RICHARDS
- \* APPLY PRINCIPLE TO SELF, NOT OTHERS

CEV, The Contemporary English Version  
 GNT, The Good News Translation  
 NASB, New American Standard Bible  
 NCV, New Century Version  
 NKJV, The New King James Version  
 NIV, The New International Version  
 NLT, New Living Translation

*CRITICISM CAN ALWAYS BE A BLESSING*  
 1. OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN YEARLY EVALUATION  
 a. LISTEN  
 b. WRITE IT DOWN  
 c. THINK ABOUT IT  
 2. OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER  
 \* REACHER TOO YOUNG \*\*\*

\* "HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE"  
 \* SWEET POTATOS  
 \* "CRITICISM" JUST BEFORE CRUCIFIXION. AM I WILLING TO BE CRUCIFIED 4 X (GAL 2:20) BUT NOT CRITICIZED 4 X?

- 1. HARD-CRITICISM
- 2. DALTON, GA
- 3. Dec. 19, 1999
- 4. Ex. 5:1-21
- 5. Ex. 14:5-9 (10-12)
- 6. Num. 13, 14:1-10
- 7. 2 Cor. 10:10
- 8. Mk. 3:22
- 9. Jn. 10:20
- 10. Mk. 3:20, 21
- 11. One "woe" OFF YOUR BACK. Lk. 4:26

### Proverbs Criticism Sandwich

STAFF MEETINGS 6-12-01 - 2-19-02

*"POINT OUT" NLT*  
 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
 Try me, and know my anxieties;  
 And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
 And lead me in the way everlasting  
 (Psalm 139:23, 24, NKJV).

*NEED CORRECTION - E-COLI; SALMONELLA  
 MAJORITY IS MOVING FROM A THIN SKIN + HARD HEART TO A THICK SKIN + SOFT HEART.  
 \* YOUR MOST UNPAID CUSTOMERS ARE YOUR GREATEST SOURCE OF LEARNING - BILL GATES*

"If only you had listened when I corrected you, I would have told you what's in my heart; I would have told you what I am thinking. I called, but you refused to listen; I held out my hand, but you paid no attention. You did not follow my advice and did not listen when I corrected you. So I will laugh when you are in trouble. I will make fun when disaster strikes you, when disaster comes over you like a storm, when trouble strikes you like a whirlwind, when pain and trouble overwhelm you.

"Then you will call to me, but I will not answer. You will look for me, but you will not find me. It is because you rejected knowledge and did not choose to respect the Lord. You did not accept my advice, and you rejected my correction. So you will get what you deserve; you will get what you planned for others"  
 (Proverbs 1:23-31, NCV).

My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights  
 (Proverbs 3:11, 12, NLT).

Now, my sons, listen to me, and don't ignore what I say. Stay away from such a woman. Don't even go near the door of her house, or you will give your riches to others, and the best years of your life will be given to someone cruel. Strangers will enjoy your wealth, and what you worked so hard for will go to someone else. You will groan at the end of your life when your health is gone. Then you will say, "I hated being told what to do! I would not listen to correction!" (Proverbs 5:7-12, NCV).

SMART RETORT

Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more (Proverbs 9:7-9, NLT).

TAKE A PUNCH - LOVING IT

Whoever accepts correction is on the way to life, but whoever ignores correction will lead others away from life (Proverbs 10:17, NCV).

Those who love knowledge want to be told when they are wrong. It is stupid to hate being corrected (Proverbs 12:1, GNT).

\* STERLING SILL  
\* CHARLES SPURGEON

If you ignore criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace; if you accept correction, you will be honored (Proverbs 13:18, NLT).

~~\* STERLING SILL~~  
~~\* CHARLES SPURGEON~~

Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way,  
And he who hates correction will die  
(Proverbs 15:10, NKJV).

\* BILL GATES E-MAIL

A mocker resents correction; he will not consult the wise  
(Proverbs 15:12, NIV).

\* JAMES JONES 2 CHOICES  
\* HAUTOSIS - E.S. LEWIS

If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding (Proverbs 15:31, 32, NLT).

A sensible person accepts correction, but you can't beat sense into a fool (Proverbs 17:10, CEV).

If you punish a mocker, the simpleminded will learn a lesson; if you correct the wise, they will be all the wiser (Proverbs 19:25, NLT).

Curses will not harm someone who is innocent; they are like sparrows or swallows that fly around and never land (Proverbs 26:2, NCV). 12-18-01

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