

How to receive correction from God

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Many places in the Bible remind believers not to despise the correction from the Eternal.

Here are five quick reminders that might be of help to you.

- Build a relationship with God.

1 Peter 5:6-7—"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

- Ask God for a teachable attitude.

Isaiah 66:1-2—"Thus says the LORD: 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,' Says the LORD. 'But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.' "

- Study the written Word of God.

Acts 17:11—"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

- Listen to the spoken Word of God.

Romans 10:17—"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- Watch the Word of God in people.

Sometimes, we learn the most powerful lessons by watching the bad examples of people who profess to be believers.

Romans 16:17-18—"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple."

1 Timothy 6:10—“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

However, we hope to learn by watching the good examples of faith, hope and love.

Matthew 8:5-10—“Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, ‘Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘I will come and heal him.’ The centurion answered and said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, “Go,” and he goes; and to another, “Come,” and he comes; and to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!’ ”

Philippians 3:17—“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.”