

Play #3: The Feedback Loop
The Proven Playbook – Part 3 of 5
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Heart Attitude #3 – Give and receive Scriptural correction.

Eph 2:1-7 NIV As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

We are committed to building each other up (1st Thessalonians 5:11 NIV84)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- Encourage forward (Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV84)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Bear with each other (Colossians 3:13 NIV84)

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- When necessary, we give correction (Proverbs 27:5-6 NIV84)

Better is open rebuke than hidden love. ⁶Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

- This is actually the role of pastors (Titus 2:15 NIV84)

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

- This is the role of members (Colossians 3:16(a)NIV84; Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Correction is valuable. It's...

- The way to life (Proverbs 6:23 NIV84)

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.

- The door to understanding and honor (Proverbs 15:31-32 NIV84)

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. ³² He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

- A beautifying gift (Proverbs 25:12 NIV84)

Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.

How do I give correction?

- 90% encouragement / 10% correction
- Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15 NIV84)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

- Pray over the matter
- Correct based on Scripture
- Correct based on a pattern
- Think through your words in advance
- Be prepared for anger and rejection

How do I receive correction? Control yourself – humble yourself (Proverbs 29:11 NIV84).

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

- Don't demand nicer treatment (Psalm 141:5a NIV84)

Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it.

- Thank the person for their loyalty and courage
- Ask questions to make sure you understand what they are saying – but not to defend yourself.
- If you realize that they're right, admit it, thank them and change
- If you are unsure, tell them you will pray over it and consider the matter
- Then pray over it – ask God to confirm or disconfirm

Correction provides a reflection

- Angry, defensive, resentful? (Proverbs 9:8 NIV84; Ecclesiastes 4:13 NIV84)

Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

- Listen, appreciate, consider? (Proverbs 9:8; 12:15; 13:1 NIV84)

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

My Next Step today is to...

- ☐ **Ask Jesus to correct anything in my life that isn't good.**
- ☐ **Ask someone close to me if there are any areas of life I need to work on.**
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