

**Sermon Series: Loving the Church**  
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**I LOVE TO BE CORRECTED BY THE WORD OF GOD**  
**3:16-17**

**2 Timothy**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**No one \_\_\_\_\_ correction.**

*Proverbs 5:12 - You will say, "How I hated discipline!  
How my heart spurned correction!*

*Proverbs 10:17 - Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,  
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.*

**Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ correction.**

*Proverbs 15:5 - A fool spurns a parent's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows  
prudence.*

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of correction will always outweigh the pain.**

*Proverbs 3:12(MT) - Don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline; don't sulk under his loving  
correction. It's the child he loves that God corrects; a father's delight is behind all this.*

*Hebrews 12:4-11(MT) – In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than  
you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don't feel sorry for  
yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as  
his children?*

*My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child he  
loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.*

*God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children.*

*This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves.*

*Would you prefer an irresponsible God? We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God's training so we can truly live? While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them.*

*But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best. At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.*

**Author's quote:**

As I attend church, one of the main purposes of the Bible is to regularly correct me. If I am a maturing Christian taking spiritual steps of obedience, it may not be easy. But every Sunday when I gather to worship, my attitude will be:

*"Lord, I want to be corrected today by the Word of God. Would you teach me, guide me, reveal to me the changes you want me to make in my life today?"*

- Larry McKain

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