

REBUKE, REPROOF, CORRECTION

FAMILY AND MINISTRY: LESSONS AT HOME PART XIV

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;
reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."*

~ 2 Timothy 4:2

1. Lesson You Should Be Learning at Home: Rebuke!

- a. Sin destroys people/families, but there is salvation from sin. All people have problems.
- b. How you respond to sin/faults is more important than appearing as if you have none.
 - i. Rebuke~ to put a stop to (slap). Forbid, beat back, resist, repel, scold, "No!"
 - ii. Reproof~ to convict of wrong (sentence). Content, prove to be reprobate.
 - iii. Correction ~ to make right a wrong (rehab).

2. What's Wrong with Rebuke?

- a. Sanctification (too holy) separation (divisive) fornication (personal) rebuke (too harsh)
 - i. Rebuke is necessary for grace - the gracious way to respond to sin Titus 2:11-15
- b. *"Don't offend! Don't tell (my) people they are wrong! Don't be sharp! Don't critique!"*
- c. The law requires it - Lev 19:17; Jesus did it - Luke 9:55; Paul commands it Eph 5:11, Ti 1
- d. This whole series (as well as the Bible) is filled with rebuke and reproof!
- e. The flesh response = *"you are not perfect, no one is perfect, who are you? Legalism!"*
- f. It is right to resist being chained (Gal 5:1), but wrong to resist being changed. Jn 3:20
- g. Rebuke, reproof, correction a major theme of scripture, the Lord, and grace ministry.
- h. Why is rebuke avoided 1) ignorance 2) think its unloving 3) scared 4) apathy 5)unfaithful

3. Rebuke Helps

- a. The goal: to manifest the wrongs, to turn the lights on. For people to see & respond.
- b. We do not see our own sin, but sin is worse in us than we want to think about.
 - i. Before we can respond to sin in ourselves, we must see it. Rebuke helps.
 - ii. We must know the problem / diagnosis, before grace can be applied!
- c. Open rebuke better than secret love - Pro 27:5, 28:23, Ecc 7:5, Ps 141:5
- d. We cannot be saved without it - 1 Tim 1:16
- e. We cannot use the Bible without it - 2 Tim 3:16
- f. We cannot grow without it - Titus 1:13; Pro 6:23, 10:17, 29:15 - Rom 8:29
- g. Rebuke hinders movement, get past it. Reproof makes you blamable, don't - Col 1:22

4. What Rebuke Looks Like

- a. Examples - Gen 20:9-16; Luke 17:3-4, 23:40 - but do it with grace!
- b. With humility - Gal 6:1, Titus 3:1-2; In love - 1 Cor 13:5-6
- c. Avoid certain people → Pro 9:7-10, 12:1, 13:1, 18:15, 15:5, 12, 31-32; 19:25, 29:1, Hos 4:4
- d. With words! Prov 1:25, 1:30, 5:12, Ps 38:13
- e. The difference between rebuke and unkindness is not the words, but the heart. Eph 4:15
- f. You cannot force someone to repent or respond rightly, but the light needs to be on.
- g. This sort of correction, rebuke, reproof in love needs to happen first at home!