

## Reproof and Correction: Lessons from the cow

*“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but he who hates reproof is like a cow.”* (Pr. 12:1, Berkeley Version)

- Why?** To not receive correction is like a cow (Prov 12:1)  
It is a way of life (Prov 6:23)  
It demonstrates love (Lev 19:17)
- What?** Sin (Matt 18:15)  
Wisdom (Acts 18:24-26)  
Character (Eph 4:15)  
Preferences – suggest; don’t demand
- Who?** Not the foolish (Prov 23:9)  
A person that welcomes correction (Prov 9:8)  
Someone that you are trying to love (Matt 22:39)
- When?** After you take the log out of your eye (Matt 7:3)  
At a “wise” time (Prov 15:2)  
If you are avoiding a person or unable to think well of another person  
When God shows you a need, you are most likely part of the solution
- Where?** In private (Matt 18:15)
- How?** Use verses to point out the reproof and the correction (2 Tim 3:16-17)  
With wisdom. Do not gossip. Get help if needed. Tone. (Prov 15:2)  
How do you want to be corrected? (Lk 6:31, Prov 25:11-12)