

# REBUKE

## DO WE NEED MORE REBUKE?

**"...REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT WITH ALL LONGSUFFERING AND DOCTRINE"**

**DISCUSS:**

- List at least three different avenues in life where correction is needed.
- What is its purpose?
- Does a person enjoy hearing correction? Why or why not?
- In a lifetime, do you anticipate that there will be more correction, more affirmation or will it be even?
- List the time(s) when reproof will stop.

**I. WHO/WHAT DID CHRIST REBUKE?**

**A. List the things that Christ rebuked:**

1. Matthew 8:23-26
2. Matthew 17:18
3. Mark 8:31-33
4. Luke 4:33-37
5. Luke 4:38-39

**II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REBUKE** *What are the Biblical standards concerning rebuke?*

1. Luke 17:3  
If your brother sins against you... \_\_\_\_\_
2. I Timothy 5:20  
A pastor in the church should... \_\_\_\_\_
3. II Timothy 4:2  
By preaching the... \_\_\_\_\_
4. Titus 2:15  
With all authority... \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hebrews 12:5-6  
Don't faint when ... \_\_\_\_\_



*"And all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."*

6. Revelation 3:19  
The responsibility associated with rebuke... \_\_\_\_\_

**III. THE WISE MAN OR THE FOOL**

Respond: What is a common reaction toward reproof?

- A) Get defensive B) Excuses C) Anger D) Acceptance E) Change

1. Compare the positive and negative responses toward reproof:

- ◆ Proverbs 9:8
- ◆ Proverbs 13:18

◆ Proverbs 15:5

◆ Proverbs 15:31-32

◆ Proverbs 27:5

◆ Ecclesiastes 7:5

2. In II Corinthians 13:5, we are told to "examine ourselves" whether we are in the faith. Discuss: Should we be frustrated with too much rebuke? When does the joy, studied in the last lesson, come into the picture? After sorrow or after rebuke? Can it come in without sorrow or rebuke? Is it a valid concern that we should talk more about joy?

**CONCLUSION:**

- ◆ Why does the church today like to primarily talk about joy instead of rebuke/reproof?  
A) Numbers in membership are affected  
B) It's important to start with a positive approach  
C) Other:

- ◆ After this study, what is your understanding of the purpose of rebuke?  
Additional hints:  
II Tim. 3:16; II Cor. 7:9; Phil. 3:13-15

**F.Y.I. CORNER**

1. **JOY** - (Gr. 5479)  
*Cheerfulness, calm, delight.*
2. **SORROW** - (Gr. 3077)  
*sadness, grief, heaviness*
3. **REPROOF** - (Heb. 8433) *correction or chastisement; Used 13x in Proverbs, 1x in Job and 1x in II Timothy.*
4. **REBUKE** - (Heb. 1606)  
*A chiding, to reprove; To be told what you're doing is wrong.*
5. **REBUKE** - (Heb. 3198)  
*to be right, i.e. correct; to argue, justify or convict; to correct.*
6. **REBUKED** - (Gr. 2008)  
*to tax upon, censure or admonish; by impl. Forbid; to charge.*

**VERSE of the WEEK**

*"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."  
- II Cor. 7:9*

**SUGGESTION FOR PRAYER**

- PRAY THAT WE RECEIVE REPROOF AS A WISE MAN, AND THEN FIND THE JOY OF BEING FULFILLED IN CHRIST.