

**“Simon, I have
something to
say to you”**

Luke 7:40



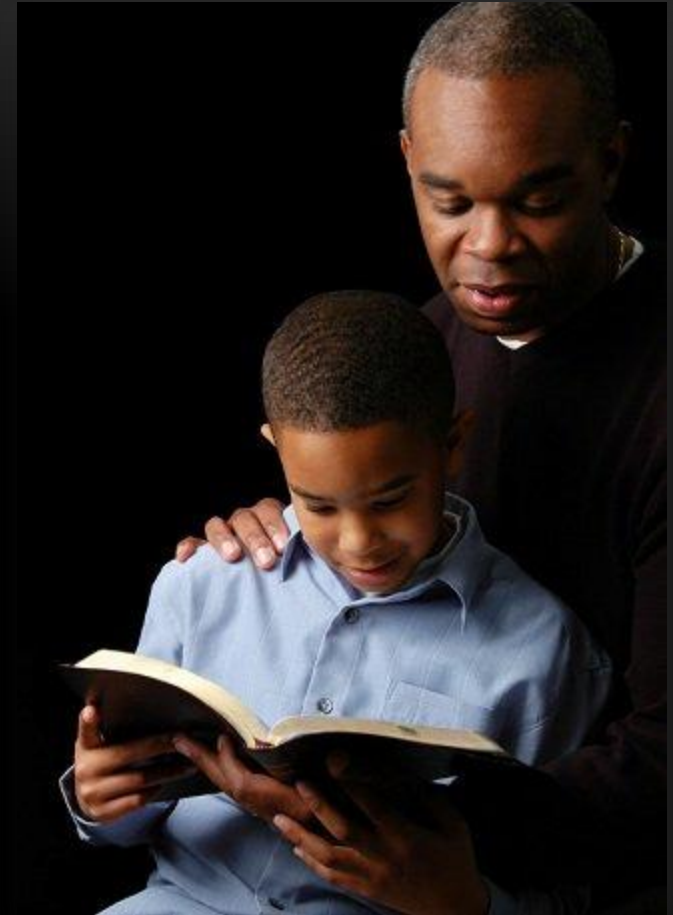
“Whoever loves
instruction loves
knowledge,
But he who hates
correction *is* stupid”

Proverbs 12:1



Highlights

1. Tools of instruction
2. Common characteristics
3. Hating correction



I. Tools of Instruction ⁽¹⁾

1. Education:

- The commandment of God communicated
- With it comes the example, the encouragement, and the motivation to abide by them



I. Tools of Instruction (2)

2. Guidance:

- A tool used to change directions or amend the application of a certain command, e.g., Jethro guiding Moses



I. Tools of Instruction (3)

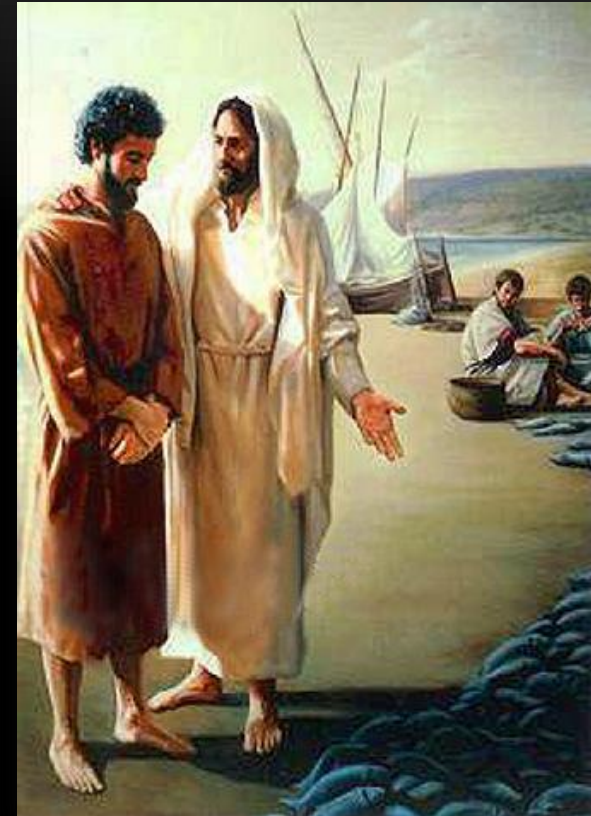
3. Rebuke:

- Used directly or indirectly
either firmly or gently
according to the person and
the kind of mistake

I. Tools of Instruction ⁽⁴⁾

3. Rebuke: (cont.)

- The Lord Christ and St. Peter
- The sailors and Jonah
- The Lord Christ and the angel of the church of Sardis
- The abbot and Abba Arsenius



I. Tools of Instruction (5)

4. Chastisement:

- St. Paul and the sinner of Corinth
- Miriam, the sister of Aaron



II. Common Characteristics ⁽¹⁾

1. Caring to improve and the salvation of the person himself and others
 - Moses with his father-in-law
2. Humility:
 - David with Nathan



II. Common Characteristics (2)

3. Objectivity:

- St. Peter witnessing about St. Paul: “as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you”

2 Peter 3:15



II. Common Characteristics (3)

4. Attentiveness:
 - Abba Arsenius



III. Hating Correction ⁽¹⁾

- Causes:

1. Low self-esteem
2. The ego and being wise in own eyes (Saul the king)
3. Partially educated person
4. The wrong reference



III. Hating Correction (2)

- Forms:

1. Ignoring: e.g., Cain
2. Justifications (Saul the king)
3. Anger
4. Stubbornness
5. Avoidance



III. Hating Correction ⁽³⁾

- Consequences:

1. Repeated falls
2. Consistent suffering for the person and those surrounding him/her
3. The abandonment of grace

