

Proverbs 15:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die. Musar ra le'ozev orach (מעזר רע לעזב אונח), discipline is evil to one forsaking the path). Those abandoning the right way find correction ra (רע, evil, grievous, offensive). Sone tokhachat yamut (שׁוֹנֵא תִּקְהַת יָמֹת, hating reproof will die). Active hatred of correction leads to death. The proverb warns that resistance to discipline reveals and produces spiritual death. Hebrews 12:5-11 teaches that God disciplines those He loves; rejecting discipline indicates illegitimacy and leads to ruin.

Historical Context

Throughout Israel's history, prophets brought divine correction. Those who received it (like David after Nathan's rebuke, 2 Samuel 12) found life. Those who hated reproof (like Ahab opposing Micaiah, 1 Kings 22) perished. The exile resulted from generations rejecting prophetic correction (2 Chronicles 36:15-16). Post-exilic reforms came through receiving Ezra's and Nehemiah's reproof. The pattern continues—accepting correction produces life; hating it brings death.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you typically respond to correction—with receptivity or resistance?
2. What does your attitude toward reproof reveal about your spiritual state and trajectory?
3. How can you cultivate a heart that receives correction as God's loving discipline rather than finding it grievous?

Interlinear Text

מִזְבֵּחַ	בְּעֵד	לְעֵזֶב	אֵלֶיךָ	שׁוֹנֵא
Correction	is grievous	unto him that forsaketh	the way	and he that hateth
H4148	H7451	H5800	H734	H8130
תִּקְרֵב מֵת	יָמִיתָה			
reproof	shall die			
H8433	H4191			

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 12:1 (Parallel theme): Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

Proverbs 13:1 (Parallel theme): A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Proverbs 10:17 (Parallel theme): He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

John 3:20 (Parallel theme): For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Proverbs 5:12 (Parallel theme): And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

John 7:7 (Parallel theme): The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

