

4. **What's the difference between the way a wise person and a foolish person respond to correction? Think of examples of behavior that would tell you which one you're dealing with.**

5. **Review Proverbs 9:7b and Titus 3:10. What happens when an evil (wicked) person is corrected? What is the appropriate approach to evil behavior and why?**

6. How does the Good News (the Gospel message of who Jesus is, what Jesus had done, and what it means for us) apply to the wise, the foolish, and the evil among us? (See 1 Corinthians 1:24b.)

7. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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MESSAGE NOTES

BREAK THE CRAZY CYCLE

TODAY: CORRECTION • PROVERBS 9:7-12

THE BOTTOM LINE

LET THE OTHER PERSON'S RESPONSE DETERMINE YOUR APPROACH.

Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt...

But correct the wise, and they will love you.

– Proverbs 9:7b, 8b NLT



What works with you won't necessarily work on people who are not you because they may not be like you.

WHERE TO START? ASSUME THE BEST!

Love...never stops believing the best for others.

– 1 Corinthians 13:7 TPT

*Then, let the other person's RESPONSE
determine your APPROACH...*

Check out *Necessary Endings and Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud

WISE BEHAVIOR: KEEP TALKING

Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser.
Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more.
– Proverbs 9:9 NLT

But correct the wise, and they will love you.
– Proverbs 9:8b NLT

*(It's okay to keep talking because a wise person
TAKES IT TO HEART and responds accordingly.)*

FOOLISH BEHAVIOR: STOP TALKING

Instead...

SET **LIMITS** TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools
suffers harm. – Proverbs 13:20 NIV

*(You can't change another person, but you can set limits on how
much damage they can do. Don't be collateral damage to
someone else's train wreck.)*

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DETERMINE **CONSEQUENCES** TO PROMPT CHANGE

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his
children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?
– Hebrews 12:7 NIV

*(Hardship can train us!
We learn a lot in the school of hard knocks.)*

EVIL BEHAVIOR: END IT

Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt.
– Proverbs 9:7b NLT



Lawyers, Guns and Money

*"Use your lawyers, law enforcement (that's the guns part), and
your financial resources to make sure that you will not be hurt by
someone who is trying to destroy you or the things that
matter to you." – Dr. Henry Cloud*

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second
time. After that, have nothing to do with them.
– Titus 3:10 NIV

*(Although it's hard to accept, sometimes people are out to harm
people and destroy things. ESPECIALLY when you have
responsibility to others, you must move from helping mode
into protection mode.)*

WHAT ABOUT ME?

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE WISE, FOOLISH & EVIL

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.
– 1 Corinthians 1:24b NLT

*(In Jesus you'll find the power to change and
the wisdom you need!)*

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THE CHALLENGE

Adjust Your Approach

(to both giving & receiving correction).

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

- 1. Can you think of a time where you exhibited wise, foolish, or evil behavior? How were you corrected and what was your response?**
2. Review 1 Corinthians 13:7. In addition to providing a good starting point when giving correction, brainstorm and list the ways that "believing the best" about someone helps a relationship run smoothly.
3. From the Scriptures listed under WISE BEHAVIOR: KEEP TALKING, what results can you expect when you give correction to a wise person?