

**GBC WINTER CAMP**  
**Session 1**  
**Escaping Perpetual Immaturity**

## **Session 1: Escaping Perpetual Immaturity**

*Hebrews 5:11-14*

Two Critical Aids to Growing Up in Christ:

1. Active \_\_\_\_\_(11-13)

2. Trained \_\_\_\_\_(14)

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Session 1: Escaping Perpetual Immaturity**

*Hebrews 5:11-14*

**What is the main point of this passage?**

**What did you learn about God in this message?**

**What did you learn about God's desire for you?**

**Is there anything in your actions or thoughts that need to change in response to God's Word?**

## **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS**

### **Session 1: Escaping Perpetual Immaturity**

*Hebrews 5:11-14*

1. What is your assessment of my current maturity in Christ? Are there areas where you see maturity in Christ? Are there areas where you see immaturity?

2. Are there areas from God's Word where you have seen me to have dull ears? What do you think I need to hear that I have not been hearing from God's Word?

3. In what areas do you think my senses are well trained in regards to discerning good and evil? In what areas do you think my senses are not trained well in regards to discerning good and evil?

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## **Breakout 1**

## **BREAKOUT #1: Preparing to Receive Correction**

Ten practices that will prepare you to receive correction:

1. Read \_\_\_\_\_ regularly. (Pro. 1:1-6; 16:20; 17:24)

2. Form \_\_\_\_\_ early. (Pro. 1:4; 4:3-4; I Tim. 4:12)

3. Select wise \_\_\_\_\_. (Pro. 13:20; 14:7; 16:22)

4. Value \_\_\_\_\_ supremely. (Pro. 3:13-15; 16:16)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ less. (Job 40:3-5; Pro. 10:19; 18:2)

## **BREAKOUT #1: Preparing to Receive Correction**

Ten practices that will prepare you to receive correction:

6. Sincerely love \_\_\_\_\_. (Pro. 12:1; Her. 12:5-11)

7. Kill \_\_\_\_\_ continually. (Pro. 18:12; I Tim. 3:1-2)

8. Know \_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly. (Pro. 2:6-8; 3:5, 7;  
I Cor. 1:19-21; 2:6-7; Rom. 16:27)

9. Refuse sinful \_\_\_\_\_. (Pro. 18:1)

10. \_\_\_\_\_ to others. (Pro. 18:2; Rom. 15:1-3)

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**Session 2**  
**Pursing Wisdom in the**  
**Face of Correction**

## Session 2: Pursing Wisdom in the Face of Correction

### *Various Proverbs*

Consider three life changing realities regarding wisdom.

1. Wisdom is only found in \_\_\_\_\_.

9:10        *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

1:7         *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

3:5-7      *Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.*

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2. Wisdom welcomes\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_.

1:5 *A wise man will hear and increase in learning,  
And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,*

9:9 *Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser,  
Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.*

13:1 *A wise son accepts his father's discipline,  
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.*

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### Various Proverbs

Consider three life changing realities regarding wisdom.

3. Wisdom is lost for the \_\_\_\_\_.

14:6-9      *A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none,  
But knowledge is easy to one who has understanding.  
Leave the presence of a fool,  
Or you will not discern words of knowledge.  
The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way,  
But the foolishness of fools is deceit.  
Fools mock at sin,  
But among the upright there is good will.*

12:1        *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
But he who hates reproof is stupid.*

21:11      *When the scoffer is punished, the naive becomes wise;  
But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.*

29: 1      *A man who hardens his neck after much reproof  
Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.*

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Session 2: Pursuing Wisdom in the Face of Correction**

*Various Proverbs*

**What is the main point of this lesson?**

**What did you learn about God?**

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## **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS**

### **Session 2: Pursuing Wisdom in the Face of Correction**

#### *Various Proverbs*

1. How do you see me actively looking to God for wisdom? Are there areas where you see me trusting in my own understanding?

2. In what ways do you see me receiving correction well?

3. In what ways do you see me being unteachable?

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## **Breakout 2**

## **BREAKOUT #2: Practicing Receiving Correction**

When receiving correction, we should listen in the following 13 ways:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 1:7; Ecc. 12:13; II Cor. 7:1)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:14-15; Eph. 4:30-5:1)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 13:7; I Thess. 5:12-14)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 18:13)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 18:12; Jas. 3:13-18)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ (I Thess. 5:17)

7. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 14:15; 21:29)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 11:17; IThess. 5:18)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 18:15; Phil. 4:8)

10. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 16:28; 17:9)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 1:8; 15:31; Titus 2:2, 5, 6)

12. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 4:23; 14:8; 16:20; Eph. 5:15-16)

13. \_\_\_\_\_ (Pro. 27:6; Heb. 12:11)

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## **Session 3**

### **Body Life**

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*Romans 15:14*

What should I expect if I'm in Christ?

1. Moral \_\_\_\_\_

2. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

3. Loving \_\_\_\_\_

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Session 3: Body Life**

*Romans 15:14*

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## **Appendix A**

## PROVERBS PASSAGE LIST

### RECEIVING CORRECTION

Proverbs 1:7	The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Proverbs 1:23	If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.
Proverbs 3:1–2	1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.
Proverbs 3:5–8	5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
Proverbs 3:11–12	11 My son, do not despise the LORD'S discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

## NON-EXAMPLES

Proverbs 1:20–33	<p><u>20</u> Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; <u>21</u> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks; <u>22</u> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? <u>23</u> If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. <u>24</u> Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, <u>25</u> because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, <u>26</u> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, <u>27</u> when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. <u>28</u> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. <u>29</u> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <u>30</u> would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, <u>31</u> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. <u>32</u> For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; <u>33</u> but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”</p>
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Proverbs 5:7–14

7 And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, 9 lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, 10 lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, 11 and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, 12 and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! 13 I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. 14 I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation."

## GIVING CORRECTION

Proverbs 9:7-9	<p><u>7</u> Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <u>8</u> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <u>9</u> Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.</p>
Proverbs 10:13	<p>On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.</p>
Proverbs 10:14	<p>The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.</p>
Proverbs 10:21	<p>The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.</p>
Proverbs 10:31	<p>The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.</p>
Proverbs 10:32	<p>The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.</p>

Proverbs 11:17	A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.
Proverbs 12:17	Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit.

Proverbs 12:18	There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Proverbs 12:20	Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy.
Proverbs 12:25	Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.
Proverbs 12:26	One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
Proverbs 13:17	A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing.
Proverbs 13:14	The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.
Proverbs 14:5	A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies.
Proverbs 14:25	A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful.
Proverbs 15:1	A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:2	The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.
Proverbs 15:4	A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Proverbs 15:7	The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.
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Proverbs 15:23	To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!
Proverbs 16:13	Righteous lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right.
Proverbs 16:21	The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
Proverbs 16:23	The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips.
Proverbs 16:24	Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
Proverbs 16:27	A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
Proverbs 16:28	A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.
Proverbs 17:9	Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.
Proverbs 17:22	A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
Proverbs 18:14	A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?
Proverbs 18:19	A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.
Proverbs 18:21	Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

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## **Appendix B**

## **“THE DANGER OF PRIDE” by J. C. Ryle**

Taken from *Thoughts for Young Men* (chapter 2, section 1)

### **II. Dangers to Young Men**

There are some special dangers against which young men need to be warned. I know well that all souls are in fearful peril. Old or young, it matters not; all have a race to run, a battle to fight, a heart to mortify, a world to overcome, a body to keep under, a devil to resist—and we may well say, Who is sufficient for these things? But still every age and condition has its own peculiar snares and temptations, and it is well to know them. He that is forewarned is forearmed. If I can only persuade you to be on your guard against the dangers I am going to name, I am sure I shall do your souls an essential service.

#### **1. One danger to young men is pride.**

Pride is the oldest sin in the world. Indeed, it was before the world. Satan and his angels fell by pride. They were not satisfied with their first estate. Thus, pride stocked hell with its first inhabitants.

Pride cast Adam out of paradise. He was not content with the place God assigned him. He tried to raise himself, and fell. Thus sin, sorrow, and death entered in by pride.

Pride sits in all our hearts by nature. We are born proud. Pride makes us rest satisfied with ourselves, think we are good enough as we are, stop our ears against advice, refuse the Gospel of Christ, and turn every one to his own way. But pride never reigns anywhere so powerfully as in the heart of a young man.

How common is it to see young men heady, high-minded, and impatient of counsel! How often they are rude and discourteous to all about them, thinking they are not valued and honored as they deserve! How often they will not stop to listen to a hint from an older person! They think they know everything. They are full of conceit of their own wisdom. They reckon elderly people, and especially their relations, stupid, dull, and slow. They fancy they want no teaching or instruction themselves: they understand all things. It makes them almost angry to be spoken to. Like young horses, they cannot bear the least control. They must needs be independent and have their own way. They seem to think, like those whom Job mentioned, “We are the people, and wisdom shall die with us” (Job 12:2). And this is all pride.

Such an one was Rehoboam, who despised the counsel of the old experienced men who stood before his father, and hearkened to the advice of the young men of his own generation. He lived to reap the consequences of his folly. There are many like him.

Such an one was the prodigal son in the parable, who must needs have the portion of goods which fell to him, and set up for himself. He could not submit to live quietly under his father’s roof, but would go into a far country and be his own master. Like the little child that will leave its mother’s hand and walk alone, he soon smarted for his folly. He became wiser when he had to eat husks with the swine. But there are many like him.

Young men, I beseech you earnestly, beware of pride. Two things are said to be very rare sights in the world: one is a young man humble, and the other is an old man content. I fear this saying is only too true.

Be not proud of your own abilities, your own strength, your own knowledge, your own appearance, or your own cleverness. Be not proud of yourself or your endowments of any kind. It all comes from not knowing yourself and the world. The older you grow and the more you see, the less reason you will find for being proud. Ignorance and inexperience are the pedestal of pride; once let the pedestal be removed, and pride will soon come down.

Remember how often Scripture sets before us the excellence of a humble spirit. How strongly we are warned “not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think” (Rom 12:3)! How plainly we are told, “If any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know” (1Co 8:2)! How strict is the command, “Put on humbleness of mind” (Col 3:12)! And again, “Be clothed with humility” (1Pe 5:5). Alas, this is a garment of which many seem not to have so much as a rag!

Think of the great example our Lord Jesus Christ leaves us in this respect. He washed the feet of His disciples, saying, “Ye should do as I have done to you” (Joh 13:15). It is written, “Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor” (2Co 8:9). And again, “He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself” (Phi 2:7,8). Surely to be proud is to be more like the devil and fallen Adam, than like Christ. Surely, it can never be **mean** and low-spirited to be like Him.

Think of the wisest man that ever lived—I mean Solomon. See how he speaks of himself as a “little child,” as one who “knew not how to go out or come in” or manage for himself (1Ki 3:7, 8). That was a very different spirit from his brother Absalom’s, who thought himself equal to anything: “Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice” (2Sa 15:4). That was a very different spirit from his brother Adonijah’s, who “exalted himself, saying, I will be king” (1Ki 1:5). Humility was the beginning of Solomon’s wisdom. He writes it down as his own experience, “Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him” (Pro 26:12).

Young men, lay to heart the Scriptures here quoted. Do not be too confident in your own judgment. Cease to be sure that you are always right, and others wrong. Be distrustful of your own opinion when you find it contrary to that of older men than yourselves, and specially to that of your own parents. Age gives experience, and therefore deserves respect. It is a mark of Elihu’s wisdom, in the book of Job, that “he waited till Job had spoken, because they were older than himself” (Job 32:4). And afterwards he said, “I am young, and you are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show you mine opinion. I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom” (Job 32:6, 7). Modesty and silence are beautiful graces in young people. Never be ashamed of being a learner: Jesus was one at twelve years; when He was found in the temple, He was “sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions” (Luke 2:46). The wisest men would tell you they are always learners, and are humbled to find after all how little they know. The great Sir Isaac Newton used to say that he felt himself no better than a little child who had picked up a few precious stones on the shore of the sea of knowledge.

Young men, if you would be wise, if you would be happy, remember the warning I give you: *Beware of pride.*

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**mean** - contemptible, despicable (derived from “common”)

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**Appendix C**

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### Recommended Resources

#### SERMONS

Scott Maxwell - "Galatians 6:1-5 - Restoring the Ensnared Believer"  
(<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/040713-sermon/>)

Smedly Yates - "Matthew 18:15-20 - Discipline the Wayward"  
(<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/093018-sermon/>)

Scott Maxwell - "Matthew 18:15-20 - The Heart of Christ for Our Holiness"  
(<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/111013-sermon/>)

Joshua Kellso - "Romans 15:14 - Impressed By Grace"  
(<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/62611-sermon/>)

Jon Anderson - "2 Corinthians 1:1-24 - Walking on Egg Shells (Part 1)"  
(<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/5173>)

Jon Anderson - "2 Corinthians - Walking on Egg Shells (Part 2)"  
(<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/5199>)

#### BOOKS

J. C. Ryle - *Thoughts for Young Men*

Paperback: [https://smile.amazon.com/Thoughts-Young-J-C-Ryle-2015-10-09/dp/B01LZSBDZU/ref=sr\\_1\\_10?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1547201431&sr=1-10&keywords=thoughts+for+young+men](https://smile.amazon.com/Thoughts-Young-J-C-Ryle-2015-10-09/dp/B01LZSBDZU/ref=sr_1_10?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1547201431&sr=1-10&keywords=thoughts+for+young+men)

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