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**Sunday Reflection:**  On Sunday, Keith covered “teachability,” the third life hack in his series on Proverbs: Wisdom for Better Living.  Proverbs declares in chapter one that the purpose of the book is to teach people wisdom and discipline. But to learn wisdom, we have to be teachable.  And putting it bluntly, Proverbs 12:1 reads, “To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.”

No one wants to be stupid, but it’s often very difficult to accept correction. Keith argued that having the popular stance of “I don’t care how much you know until I know how much you care” can keep us from learning all God has for us. The truth is that we can learn from anyone.

What struck me is that although we shouldn’t limit ourselves to accepting feedback only from people who care about us, God wants us to know he cares for us before he expects us to listen to him.  Before we were born, He sought us out, got us out of the mess we were in, made us holy, and promised us eternity with him (Ephesians 1:4).  It’s only because we trust Him that we can trust his instruction from others.  When I get defensive about a correction, it’s because I’ve forgotten how completely accepted and secure I am in him.

**Prayer/Application:**

1. Are you willing to learn from others?  If not, what thoughts or beliefs are preventing you?  (e.g., the other person doesn't know me/my situation, they don't have my best interest at heart, what they're saying is too hard, I don't want to be wrong, etc).  Pray and ask God what He wants for you.
2. Since "the relationship to correction is the relationship to the future," what would you like to see changed in your future, and is there anyone you are asking for feedback or correction to help you get there?