



-- **The sinful nature hates _____** (Proverbs 15:12).

-- v. 53 – Notice the religious leaders’ tragic reaction to Jesus’ rebuke.

-- They began to “oppose Jesus fiercely.” Literally, this means, “They developed and clung to a vehement, hostile grudge.”

-- They hated Jesus and began planning their vengeance against Him.

-- **Correction from God comes in many forms.**

-- For these Pharisees, it came in the form of a lunchtime conversation with the incarnate Christ.

-- Correction often comes from another person (Proverbs 27:5-6).

-- God rebukes us powerfully through His _____ (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 4:2).

-- **Our reaction to _____ reveals our truest desires (Jam. 4:1-2).**

-- Criticism that elicits the most severe response is usually aimed at what we really worship and want most.

-- When Jesus exposes the Pharisees false piety and hopeless legalism, they respond with hatred and violence.

-- The emotions that spew from us in response to criticism often reveal our idols.

-- **People who cannot handle personal criticism are usually serving the god of _____.**

-- We get enraged, defiant, or defensive. We throw pity parties, belittle others, make insults, make excuses, or blame-shift.

-- These reactions, and others like them, reveal an attitude of self-worship.

-- The religious leaders’ response to Christ’s rebuke revealed their vanity, selfish ambition, and self-worship.

- *What do our responses to correction say about us and what we really want?*
- Maintaining holiness in the midst of criticism reveals a heart for Christ.

What to Want (Part 8) – Humility

- Charles Spurgeon – “The best definition of humility I ever heard was this—to think rightly of ourselves.”

-- A humble heart rebukes _____.

- 2 Timothy 2:24-26, Proverbs 25:12
- The person who cannot take correction is in no position to give it.

-- A humble heart _____ correction.

- Psalm 141:5, Proverbs 15:31-33, Proverbs 12:1
- This doesn't mean that every rebuke is valid.
- It does mean that we should be open to any and every opportunity to glorify God and grow in Christ, even if it is uncomfortable.

-- To delight ourselves in the Lord, we must welcome His _____.

- Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:10-11
- If my glory is wrapped up in myself, then criticism will anger me and be unwelcome.
- If my glory is all in Christ, then I will humbly listen to any correction that will magnify his purposes and power in my life.
- As God's Word challenges and rebukes us, what will be our response... hatred or humility?