

# When God Corrects You

by Paul West

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*God's correction in our lives is for our good, spiritual advancement, and His glory, and it is motivated by His perfect, unconditional love.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:17, Proverbs 3:11, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:8, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Divine Correction", "Spiritual Growth"

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## Description

Paul West preaches about the importance of responding to the Lord's chastening with conviction and understanding His purpose for correction, which is always for our good, spiritual advancement, and His glory. He emphasizes the need to confess faults openly and honestly, allowing God to work within us to develop a fierce hatred for sin. Despite our struggles and failings, God's love is unconditional and transformative, driving us to a place of surrender and freedom from besetting sins through His sin-conquering grace.

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## Transcript

When the Lord tests our hearts, there will be times when we fall short and miss the mark. Our response to the Lord's chastening during these moments is very important. Conviction is used by God to foster within us a sense of value when we hear the voice of the Holy Spirit; when we fail to heed His voice, loving correction is in order. As God replaces the comfort and peace of His Spirit with a temporary wave of unrest after we disobey, it is imperative that we understand His purpose for us in the correction. His purpose is always for our good, for our spiritual advancement, and for His glory.

We will progress in stride if we but remember to always confess our faults openly and honestly. It doesn't matter that you fall down repeatedly; God will change you, dear Christian, if you will be ruthlessly honest in blaming only yourself for your sin and crying for deliverance. God may allow you to go on like this for some time in order to develop a fierce hatred for your sin. Men who can only see your outward struggle and numerous failings in the flesh will misunderstand and judge you, but God sees your heart's hatred for iniquity, and will begin to work quietly, slowly within your bosom with Christ-transforming grace.

And yet the rod will still continue to come down each time you fall. As it kisses your back in stinging soul-conviction, remember to look into the eyes of Jesus Christ. See His outstretched hands, allow Him to cradle you as you weep. Learn the powerful lesson that God's love for you is not performance-based, but unconditional in the purest sense. He crafted you in your mother's womb and saw all your failings, all your

struggles, all your groanings while you were still an unborn fetus and yet chose to love you regardless. He still chose to remove Satan's scales from your heart and reveal His Son in you at the appointed time. He allowed every trial, every upset, and every inconvenience in your life to drive you to the place where you are at this very moment.

Dear reader, do you believe this? Do you yearn to be set free from all besetting sin in your life? It is the perfect, unconditional love of God for you that extends such sin-conquering grace in your direction. If you have faith to receive it, it is yours for the asking. It is not earned; it is given freely only to the poor, the despised, the downtrodden, the despicable, the desperate, the deserted, to the most unworthy and undeserving sinners who at last take full blame for their crimes and dare believe God's utmost deliverance is yet for them.

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