

“⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. ⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.”
 (Proverbs 9:8-9)



This is a very valuable advice: **“Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you.”** The word of God teaching us to correct and rebuke sinner as we can read in the following Scripture:

1- **“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**
 (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2- **“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”** (2 Timothy 4:2)

3- **“This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith.”** (Titus 1:13)

Part of the message that we give to the people contains rebuke and that is a rebuke from the Lord so that those who sin might repent and come back to the Him. But what we read in Proverbs 9:8 is a very helpful advice **“Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you.”** Mockers are wicked

and evil doers; to rebuke them is to invite a hatred toward you because the rebuke is a Word of God, and if the word of God should be given to the evil doers they might turn and harm us as Jesus instructed us: **“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”**
 (Matthew 7:6)

So we really need to be discerning whom we are rebuking and whom we are teaching. If we rebuke the sheep of Jesus they will become wiser and wiser. If we instruct the righteous they will be blessed and add to their righteousness. But we need to add to that the following: Avoid rebuking the mocker, because they will hate us and might trouble us. What we need to do then to them? Avoid them and pray for them to repent and be humble before we can teach them and rebuke them.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that teaches me your ways. Lord gives me discernment of how and to whom I speak your word and teach your ways. Lord protect me, spare me troubles and help me to avoid evil doers and spare me unnecessary hatred. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.



“If a wise person goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.”

(Proverbs 29:9)

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“The bloodthirsty hate a person of integrity and seek to kill the upright.”

(Proverbs 29:10)

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