

Being Right Isn't the Same as Being Good

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Principle: Accuracy matters. So does how you carry it.

Truth without care becomes a weapon. If your goal is understanding, humiliation is counterproductive even when you're correct. The Failure Mode: Using Truth As A Club Signs you're clubbing: - You correct to dominate. - You correct to punish. - You correct in public when private would work. - You add sarcasm because you're "right."

Humiliation poisons even correct information. A Better Correction Pattern 1) Permission: "Do you want feedback?" 2) Specific observation: "When you said X, I heard Y." 3) Impact: "That lands as Z." 4) Invite: "Would you be open to another way to phrase it?"

If they say "no," you can set a boundary without a lecture. In The Wild (Examples) Correcting a friend's wrong fact: - Club: "How do you not know this?" - Care: "Small correction: it's actually _____. Easy mistake."

Correcting a rude joke: - Club: "You're disgusting." - Care: "That joke is mean. I'm not doing that here."

Correcting online misinformation: - Club: dunking for likes. - Care: concise correction + source + no contempt. The Practice (This Week) - Correct ideas, not people. - Remove sarcasm from one correction you would normally make. - If you feel the urge to embarrass, don't correct yet. Reset first. Reflection (Optional) When do you reach for being right to avoid being kind?