

## Instruction – Pt 1 Hear instruction from the Lord.

This is our first study on the topic of “instruction”. An important topic because our source of instruction and subsequent action determines what we do on this earth, whether we are blessed by God or not, and where we spend eternity.

According to the Oxford dictionary – the word “instruction” means – “Teaching; directions, orders”

The Greek word translated “instruction” is also translated – chastening, chastisement, and nurture, and the word “instruct” is also translated – inform, learn, prove and be disciplined.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. The meaning of instruction from the scriptures, is–

#### i) teaching

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go” (Ps.32: 8).

#### ii) convey knowledge

“That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed” (Lk.1: 4). See also – Prov.8: 10 & 12: 1

#### iii) reproof

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life” (Prov.6:23). See also Prov.10: 17, 12: 1, 13: 18.

#### iv) rebuke

“A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke” (Prov. 13: 1).

### 2. We are to –

#### a) hear (listen to) instruction.

“Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not” (Prov.8: 33). See also Prov.13: 3

#### b) receive instruction from the Lord.

“Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the Lord” (Jer.35: 13). See also Prov.8: 10.

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life

A preacher spoke with a Hari Krishna about the good news of Christ crucified on Friday night, but he would not listen to the instruction from the “scripture of truth” (Dan.12: 21), but kept referring to the Bhagavad Gita.

Question to think about.

What were the two errors of the Hari Krishna's?

Our answer from the scriptures.

i) “He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him” (Prov.18: 13). Many that are given the opportunity to hear the gospel have previously had a negative event in their life regarding Catholics or Christians and so turn off all messages about God. But regardless of the reason, if a lost person rejects instruction from a preacher without first hearing the message it is folly unto them.

ii) Given that the source of his instruction was from a book written by man – it is folly to those who hear and receive it – “the instruction of fools is folly” (Prov.16: 22). Let us remember the need to first hear instruction before we answer it, and ensure that the source of our instruction is always the “scripture of truth” (Dan.12: 21).