

Instruction – Pt 2 The purpose of instruction

This is our second study on the topic of “instruction”, Previously we established the meaning from the scriptures – teaching, proof, rebuke, convey knowledge, and (2) we are to hear instruction and receive instruction. In this teaching we establish the purpose of instruction is – (1) the wise to be wiser, and receive knowledge, and (2) that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good works.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. The purpose of instruction for the wise –

i) they would be wiser

“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning” (Prov.9: 9).

ii) they would receive knowledge

“When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge” (Prov.21: 11).

2. The purpose of instruction from God is that His children may

i) hearken.

“Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the Lord” (Jer.35: 13),

When we hearken to God’s instruction we are not simply hearing His voice, but we hear, keep and do what is commanded of us (see Deut.12: 18), for God requires obedience more than sacrifice (1 Sam.15: 22), not as Israel who rejected His instruction (Jer.17: 23). That we may be wise in our “latter end” (Prov 19:20).

ii) be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good work.

“All scripture...is profitable...for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2Tim 3:16 & 17).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life

On Friday night a preacher spoke with a man that claimed to be a Christian and was able to identify what he would say to a lost man for them to be saved. But he rejected the Authorised Bible as Holy Scripture.

Question to think about.

What are the consequences of rejecting God’s perfect words, His instruction?

Our answer from the scriptures.

A man that hearkens to God’s perfect preserved words, His perfect instruction	A man that rejects God’s perfect words in the AB1611, His perfect instruction
the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work	cannot be perfect, or thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
the man of God is made wiser, and receives knowledge.	are confused about God’s instruction.

When a child of God rejects His Father’s words (His instruction) there is always consequences. For himself – he is not furnished unto every good work, and for the body of Christ – he spreads confusion. Let us desire the perfect words of God that we would may grow in wisdom, knowledge and hearken to His perfect instruction!