

Instruction – Pt 5 Instruction & the fear of God

This is our fifth study on the topic of “instruction”. In the previous two studies we encouraged you to incline your ears and heart to instruction and warned you that fools incline not their ear, but despise instruction. In this study we encourage you to (1) receive God’s words (His instruction), (2) cry after His instruction, and (3) seek and search out His instruction as hidden treasure.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. Receive the words of God, hide up His instruction with you.

“My son...receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee” (Prov.2: 1).

When we receive God’s words – we receive His instruction.

2. Cry after, and lift up your voice for instruction

“criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding” (Prov.2: 3).

When we cry after knowledge from the Lord we cry after His instruction.

3. Seek and search out instruction as if it were hidden treasure.

“If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures” (Prov.2: 4).

When we seek and search out understanding and knowledge we seek His instruction, and the next verse says – “Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God” (Prov.2: 5).

Additional information

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov.1: 7), and

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov.9: 10), and

“By...the fear of the Lord men depart from evil” (Prov.16: 6).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life

IF you have ever opened the door to Satan, and walked after the flesh for a period of time you will know the struggle, the battle first hand of the “fleshly lusts, that war against the soul” (1Pet.2: 11), and that our “flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other” (Gal.5: 17).

Question to think about.

IF we seek and search out God’s instruction, if we cry after and lift up our voice to instruction – how does that give us understanding of the fear of the Lord?

Our answer from the scriptures.

If a saved man, in error makes “provision for the flesh” and spends time walking after the flesh and so battles with his flesh, but then seeks with his whole heart after God’s instruction, cries after, and lifts up his voice for understanding from God’s instruction then he has made the FIRST step in fearing the Lord, he has understood what it means to fear God.

When he then departs from his iniquity (in the Lord’s strength) then he proves that his understanding of the fear of the Lord has touched his heart, and is not in vain (of no value) because he has obeyed God’s instruction.

Let us daily receive God’s instruction, cry after it, and seek and search it out – in doing so we will have an understanding of the fear of the Lord! Amen and amen!