

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

talk it
over

KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4.10-13, 20-23

PURSUE GOD

**Listen, my son, accept what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.
I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.
When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.
Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;
guard it well, for it is your life.**

**My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.
Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.**

Solomon writes to his children an invitation to come and receive good and wise instruction. As any parent would, Solomon wants his children to understand, then live out a life worthy of the call God has placed on them. He knows the world will try to influence them to pursue their own desires, and in order to revive this thinking, instruction must be given to children at the home so they can be brought up in the ways of the Lord.

God gives us rules and laws to follow not to get into His grace, but because we are in His grace. Meaning, our ability to keep the rules isn't what gets us in with God. The fact He has given us the rules and instructions in the first place is evidence we ARE in with God. Just like Solomon, God gives us instruction for our protection, not for us to perform. For if we could perform our way into grace, what need would there be for Jesus to have come and died for us in the first place?

LOVE LIFE

Who are you listening to for instruction?

Or do you listen to anyone?

If you're honest, do you allow others to form opinions for you?