

Proverbs 19:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

Analysis

This is a straightforward warning against false teaching. To 'cease...to hear instruction' is to close one's ears to wisdom—a catastrophic decision with inevitable consequences. The result is 'erring from the words of knowledge,' a progressive wandering that leads further into error and folly. Truth requires continual attention and receptivity; the moment we stop listening, we begin drifting. This applies both to Scripture itself and to faithful biblical teaching. In an age of competing voices, the call to remain steadfast in sound doctrine is crucial. Apostasy rarely happens suddenly but through gradual neglect of truth and absorption of error.

Historical Context

Israel's prophets constantly warned against false teachers and idolatrous influences from surrounding nations. Remaining faithful to Yahweh's revelation required vigilant attention to His word.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Are you consistently exposing yourself to sound biblical teaching and Scripture?
2. What false teachings or philosophies are you entertaining that could lead you astray?

Interlinear Text

מִתְּחִלָּה לֹא שָׁמַע בְּנֵי קָדְלָן מִזְבְּחָה וְלֹא מִמְּאֹתָרָה

Cease my son to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words

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Additional Cross-References

Mark 4:24 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

1 John 4:1 (Parallel theme): Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Proverbs 14:7 (Parallel theme): Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

Matthew 7:15 (Parallel theme): Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ephesians 4:14 (Parallel theme): That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Matthew 16:12 (Parallel theme): Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Matthew 16:6 (Parallel theme): Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

John 10:5 (Parallel theme): And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

1 Timothy 4:7 (Parallel theme): But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

2 John 1:10 (Parallel theme): If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: