## Cease, My Son, to Hear The Instructions Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Proverbs 19:27, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." This scripture is clear on what it says. The word of God is plainly saying to stay away from false teaching and those who would pervert the word of God. If Eve had known and obeyed this admonition in the garden of Eden, how different things would have been.

Many go wrong by not knowing the bible for themselves. They are not sure when something is taught wrong and so they continue to listen. That's when they are led astray by the false teachers. The best defense is to know what God has said. Then when someone teaches a doctrine that goes against the bible you will know that it, and not the bible, is wrong.

The scriptures say that the minister of Satan appear as ministers of righteousness. They will look the part and talk nice and sweet, telling people what they want to hear. The message will be short and

comforting, and will not offend, or challenge anyone. 2 Corinthians <u>11:14-15</u>, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." We need to remember that this is what the false prophets did in the bible and how they caused the people to sin and incur the wrath of God.

If someone is friendly and speaks nice, telling a person that which makes them feel good and special, it does seem agreeable to us. Another person may not sound like as good a speaker, and may not be as good a person with words. His message may not sound as good, nor make us feel as content, so which should we listen to? A lie, no matter how good it sounds, is still a lie. People get rich by telling folks what they want to hear.

For instance, the weight loss pill that you can take and lose all the weight that you want without doing anything different. Sounds good, right? Sure who wouldn't want to lose weight without exercise, changing the diet, or anything else but taking a pill. The problem is that it doesn't work that way. As my doctor said, "If it worked don't you think that I would be giving them out here in my office?" Well, it did sound good.

In the same way those who make merchandise of you say that you don't need to change the way that you live to be alright with God. It is appealing isn't it? Live the way that you want to, do anything that you desire to do and still go to heaven. The problem is that the Lord didn't say that he would accept anyone who does this. Jesus said in John 3 that,"You must be born again." He doesn't leave it up to man to do what he wants and call it salvation. If we want to go to heaven we will go the way that Jesus leads us. Those who would try to lead us another way we must turn from and choose the right way.

So many people are taken in by smooth talking teachers who tell a different gospel than the one that Jesus set forth. He told man how to be saved and how to live for God, and the early church preached and practiced it. We must do the same if we want to be accepted of God. As the Lord said it, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.

