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(#143) The Proverbs of Solomon 19:27- Don't Miss A Word!

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 19:27:

Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

The way to be lost is to not listen to directions. The way to forget "the words of knowledge" is to quit listening. There is discipline in listening, and there is no learning without it. This has already been stated:

- Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. (**Proverbs 19:20**)

Just because some people quit listening doesn't mean the sermon is over.

And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest 'according to the order of Melchizedek,' of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (**Hebrews 5:9-14**)

Bible truths need to be learned, and it is not the Bible or the sermon that needs shortening, but more often, there are some in the audience who need to grow in understanding!

Jesus Christ used parables, not to disguise spiritual truth, but to give "milk-drinkers" something to understand until they could handle "meat" of the Word of God.



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Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' ([Matthew 13:13-15](#))

It is difficult enough to lead the disinterested to study the word of God ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)), but there many who make the path to faith even more difficult, even impossible. Jesus condemned such people in His day:

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. ([Matthew 23:13](#))

Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered. ([Luke 11:52](#))

Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ([John 8:43](#))

When people are children of the Devil ([John 8:44](#)), they hear him, but they don't want to know ("understand") the manner of Jesus' teaching, therefore, they "are not able to listen" to what He taught! No Holy Spirit intervention needed here, but the sinner must desire to know Jesus Christ, as Paul's first recorded sermon indicated:

Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. ([Acts 13:26-27](#))

The people who crucified Jesus Christ were guilty of the same attitude toward truth as everyone today who has not obeyed the Gospel ([Mark 16:15-16](#)). Don't let this be your undoing!

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