

## “Nor Inclined My Ear To Them That Instructed Me!”

### I. Introduction:

A. Sometimes disciples of the Lord walk away (**John 6:60-66**).

1. Some just love the world more than the Lord (**II Timothy 4:10**).
2. Some disciples just get worn down by various factors in life (**Mark 4:14-19**).

B. Sometimes disciples of the Lord are pulled away by others (**I Timothy 1:18-20**).

1. This is not just through false doctrine, but some are corrupted through sinners in various other ways (**Psalms 106:34-35**, **Proverbs 22:24-25**, and **I Corinthians 15:33**).
2. Thus, saints are warned not to be led away with the error of the wicked (**II Peter 3:17**).

### II. Body: **Proverbs 5:1-14**

A. The strange woman that had a way with words (**Proverbs 2:16-19**).

1. Good instruction is the preventative measure (**Proverbs 6:20-28**).
2. To keep from falling into her which is likened to a narrow pit (**Proverbs 23:27**).
3. Strange women are not the only dangers. Others can be convincing in turning the faithful away from the Lord (**Colossians 2:8**).

B. Then the problem becomes this... The person taken into sinful behavior hates instruction (**Proverbs 1:7**, **Proverbs 1:22-31**, **Proverbs 15:5**, **Isaiah 30:9-11**, and **John 3:19-21**).

1. To stop listening is to turn from the way of life (**Proverbs 6:23**).
2. Looking back, you can see that those who reject the truth reach a point of no remedy (**II Chronicles 36:14-16**; cf. **Proverbs 6:12-15**).
3. The one who is not listening is not using God's word as God intended for it to be used (**Psalms 119:9-11** and **II Timothy 3:14-17**).

C. Understand that, in this Proverb we are talking about, this person will still be present among the congregation of God's people (**I Timothy 5:24-25**).

1. Bodily presence doesn't mean much (**I Corinthians 11:16-19**).
2. Outward indicators of faithfulness are not sure statements (**Psalms 50:16-17** and **Matthew 23:27-28**).
3. Saying the right things at the right times doesn't mean much either (**Titus 1:16**).

III. Conclusion: Don't ever turn your ear from hearing the truth (**Psalms 19:7-11**, **Psalms 37:31**, and **John 12:48**).