

## SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORD FOR A GOOD LIFE

*“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”*

**(Pro. 6:23)**

One of the many benefits of the light of the word is that it gives reproofs of instruction. A reproof is defined as an expression of blame or disapproval. When your mother or someone shows in word or action that he does not like something you have done or are doing it is called reproof. It is often expressed in criticism, blame, accusation, rebuke, scolding or reprimanding, etc.

That is precisely what the light of the word does to us. Anytime we seem to be going the wrong way or doing the wrong thing, there is something in the word that throws light on our actions to convict us that we are veering off the right way. So, it checks us instantly from within and it shines in us and on our decisions and actions like a conviction. If we refuse instructions which are the way of life, we will find ourselves in error: *“He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.”* (Pro 10:17)

A lady was very desperate for marriage when a man of another religion proposed to marry her. Before the marriage I sat her down to teach her what God’s word says but it was to no avail. She was bent on getting married. Later she came looking for me to apologize. The man’s religion required that she accepted three more wives in addition to her. Later in the marriage her body became a punching

bag. Among the many ills she suffered, the man never came home to provide for her and the children she gave birth to. One day, she came to her senses and fled the marriage to end that saga. She neglected the light of the word and suffered for that. When you have light, you see clearer and your vision and understanding in life is better than many who lack the light.

There are many believers who blatantly refuse instructions in the light of the word because of their own selfish interest. We do not need a prophet to tell us that we will crash our lives in the path of darkness. Darkness is as visible as light. When you see darkness, you do not need anyone to tell you that this is darkness. When you enter a dark room, you do not need to pray the darkness out. All you need is light. Just light a candle and you are fine. When you seem confused about a major decision of your life and your mind is blank and dark, consult the word. *“For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.”* (Pro. 18:28) Stay close to the word. Read and enjoy its instructions. Let it guide your actions.

### PRAYER & CONFESSION

*Lord, guide me by Your word and light my lamp.*