

Psalm 119:9, “Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”



I found it most interesting that the rules listed in this poster are rules presented to kids in kindergarten and reiterated throughout the elementary grades. The world realizes how important rules and order is to education. Without it, there is chaos. It is the same with our relationship with God. He is our teacher and we are His students. Without following His rules, there is chaos.

We could change the kindergarten rules to read as follows: Rule 1: Listen to God through His Word; Rule 2: Follow His directions quickly. For us to walk successfully along our path in life, we must listen to Him, our teacher, through the reading and studying of His Word. Then we must follow those directions quickly.

We know the results of not following directions. We see examples all around us.

What happens to a couple who wants to drive from Maine to Florida but does not read a map or use a GPS? Assume also that they have never driven South before.

Have you ever witnessed someone attempt to assemble a piece of furniture without reading the instructions and without prior knowledge? They are done, but you wonder, “What are these left over screws for?” Or you ask, “Why does it look a little crooked?”

Without studying God’s Word, we have a lack of knowledge. But just having knowledge does not ensure quick obedience.

What happens on a main intersection when the stop lights malfunction? People who take the driver’s test all KNOW that they are to treat the intersection as a four way stop, but do they? It amazes me how many people will fly through an intersection where this has occurred as if they are King of the Road.

Following the rules goes against our flesh nature.



Knowing the rules and following the rules are clearly two different things. But it is extremely disheartening when a young person refuses to spend time in God's Word to learn His rules.

We must be consistently teaching our children the importance of daily reading God's Word and following it. We then must be strong examples of someone acting upon their belief. Let our children witness the importance of our words through our actions. It is good for our well-being. Let's help each other to LOVE the Word of God.

Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

