

## ~INSTRUCTION (259)

[Hebrew, *le'qach*, Greek, *ka-te-khe'o* , *pai-deu'o*, means, instruct, chastise, discipline]

- Direction or teaching that calls for compliance. The Hebrew verb *ya rah'* means, **instruct, direct, teach**. The Hebrew term *le'qach*, **instruction**, basically means, **a taking**.
- My **instruction** will drip as the rain, my saying will trickle as the dew, as gentle rains upon grass and as copious showers upon vegetation. (**Deuteronomy 32:2**)
- But hear, O you women, the word of Yehowah, and may your ear take the word of his mouth. Then teach your daughters a lamentation, and each woman her companion a dirge. (**Jeremiah 9:20**)
- Where the related verb occurs in the expression, may your ear take the word of his mouth. The same term is rendered, **persuasiveness**.
- The one that is wise in heart will be called understanding, and he that is sweet in his lips adds **persuasiveness**. (**Proverbs 16:21**)
- The Greek *pai-deu'o* means, **instruct, chastise, discipline**, and the Greek *ka-te-khe'o* means **teach orally, instruct**.
- Yehowah is the Grand Instructor of his people.
- And Yehowah will certainly give you people bread in the form of distress and water in the form of oppression, yet your Grand **Instructor** will no longer hide himself, and your eyes must become eyes seeing your Grand **Instructor**. (**Isaiah 30:20**)
- And those who receive his **instruction** are under obligation to act in harmony with it they **will** walk in his paths and **will have to** beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears.
- And many peoples will certainly go and say; Come, you people, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehowah, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion Law will go forth, and the word

of Yehowah out of Jerusalem. ([Isaiah 2:3](#))

- And he will certainly render judgment among the nations and set matters straight respecting many peoples. And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore. ([Isaiah 2:4](#))
- And many nations will certainly go and say; Come, you people, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehowah and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will **instruct** us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion Law will go forth, and the word of Yehowah out of Jerusalem. ([Micah 4:2](#))
- And he will certainly render judgment among many peoples, and set matters straight respecting mighty nations far away. And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. They will not lift up sword, nation against nation, neither will they learn war anymore. ([Micah 4:3](#))
- Appreciating the value of Yehowah's **instruction** and having a desire to comply with it, his servants pray; Instruct me, O Yehowah, about your way. I shall walk in your truth. Unify my heart to fear your name.
- **Instruct** me, O Yehowah, about your way. I shall walk in your truth. Unify my heart to fear your name. ([Psalms 86:11](#))
- **Instruct** me, O Yehowah, in your way, and lead me in the path of uprightness on account of my foes. ([Psalms 27:11](#))
- **Instruct** me, O Yehowah, in the way of your regulations, that I may observe it down to the last. ([Psalms 119:33](#))
- In ancient Israel, Yehowah assigned the priests as **instructors** of his people. Emphasizing the importance of compliance with **instruction** received through this channel, Moses said,
- Then you must do in accordance with the word that they will hand down to you from that place which Yehowah will choose, and you must be careful to do according to all that they **instruct** you. ([Deuteronomy 17:10](#))
- In accordance with the Law that they will point out to you, and

according to the judicial decision that they will say to you, you should do. You must not turn aside from the word that they will hand down to you, to the right or to the left. (**Deuteronomy 17:11**)

- Be on your guard in the plague of leprosy to take good care and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, will **instruct** you. Just as I have commanded them, you should be careful to do. (**Deuteronomy 24:8**)
- To those in the Christian congregation, the apostle Paul wrote;
- For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our **instruction**, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. (**Romans 15:4**)
- We do well, therefore, to search out the commandments, take note of the underlying principles, and learn well the lessons that are set forth throughout God's inspired Word and then comply with these in our own lives.

#### **See Also PUBLIC INSTRUCTOR**

- **Instruction** can be received even from the domestic animals and from the earth, as stated at;
- However, ask, please, the domestic animals, and they will instruct you, also the winged creatures of the heavens, and they will tell you. (**Job 12:7**)
- Or show your concern to the earth, and it will instruct you, and the fishes of the sea will declare it to you. (**Job 12:8**)
- Who among all these does not well know that the hand of Yehowah itself has done this. (**Job 12:9**)
- In whose hand is the soul of everyone alive and the spirit of all flesh of man? (**Job 12:10**)
- Go to the ant, you lazy one, see its ways and become wise. (**Proverbs 6:6**)
- In these, wise persons will see evidence of the handiwork of God and of the fact that all life is dependent upon God. Human's who fail to

act in harmony with this abundant evidence are, as the apostle Paul wrote, inexcusable.

- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)
- Those who became disciples of Jesus Christ addressed him as Instructor, thus acknowledging his authority and their responsibility to comply with his directions.
- But Simon in reply said; Instructor, for a whole night we toiled and took nothing, but at your bidding I will lower the nets. (**Luke 5:5**)
- And as these were being separated from him, Peter said to Jesus; Instructor, it is fine for us to be here, so let us erect three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah, he not realizing what he was saying; (**Luke 9:33**)
- A group of ten leprous men who implored Jesus for mercy likewise addressed him in this manner.
- And they raised their voices and said; Jesus, Instructor, have mercy on us! (**Luke 17:13**)
- Although **instruction** calls for compliance and is not merely for entertainment, it can be imparted in a refreshing way. Yehowah directed Moses to teach Israel a song in which he said;
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- To the Christian overseer Timothy, Paul wrote about **instructing** with mildness those not favorably disposed, as perhaps God may give them repentance leading to an accurate knowledge of truth.
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- **Instruction** can, however, involve discipline in the form of chastisement. Such discipline is not always easy to take, but when one responds to it, it will yield, peaceable fruit, namely, righteousness.
- It is for discipline you are enduring. God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is he that a father does not discipline? (**Hebrews 12:7**)
- But if you are without the discipline of which all have become partakers, you are really illegitimate children, and not sons. (**Hebrews 12:8**)
- Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to discipline us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our spiritual life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)
- For they for a few days used to discipline us according to what seemed good to them, but he does so for our profit that we may partake of his holiness. (**Hebrews 12:10**)
- True, no discipline seems for the present to be joyous, but grievous, yet afterward to those who have been trained by it, it yields peaceable fruit, namely, righteousness. (**Hebrews 12:11**)
- Not all **instruction** is given by one whose motivation is proper, nor is the objective necessarily beneficial for the one who receives it. Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but at the age of 40 he openly identified himself with the Hebrews and left behind what could have been his inheritance in the royal courts of Egypt.
- Consequently Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. In fact, he was powerful in his words and deeds. (**Acts of Apostles 7:22**)
- Isaiah spoke of prophets in Israel who gave false **instruction**, and Micah wrote regarding priests who **instructed** just for a price.
- Her own head ones judge merely for a bribe, and her own priests instruct just for a price, and her own prophets practice divination simply for money, yet upon Yehowah they keep supporting themselves, saying; Is not Yehowah in the midst of us? There will come upon us no calamity. (**Micah 3:11**)

- The aged and highly respected one is the head, and the prophet giving false **instruction** is the tail. (**Isaiah 9:15**)
- Some persons foolishly turned to molten statues for **instruction**.
- Of what benefit has a carved image been, when the former of it has carved it, a molten statue, and an **instructor** in falsehood? when the former of its form has trusted in it, to the extent of making valueless gods that are speechless? (**Habakkuk 2:18**)
- The soldiers who had been guarding Jesus tomb were willing, after they had been bribed, to comply with the **instruction** given them to lie regarding what had happened to Jesus body.
- And after these had gathered together with the older men and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient number of silver pieces to the soldiers. (**Matthew 28:12**)
- And said; say; His disciples came in the night and stole him while we were sleeping. (**Matthew 28:13**)
- And if this gets to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and will set you free from worry. (**Matthew 28:14**)
- So they took the silver pieces and did as they were instructed, and this saying has been spread abroad among the Jews up to this very day. (**Matthew 28:15**)