

“Say what?!”

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Three hundreds years before Christ, the Greek philosopher Zeno made a very powerful statement that we still use today when our children or someone else talks too much...

“The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may listen the more and talk the less”. It really does seem easier to talk then to listen. Our society is very opinionated and out spoken, which I am grateful for freedom of speech but many can't hear the things they really need to hear. Proverbs 8:32-33 says *“Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it.”* I think it is human nature to want to be the instructor and not the instructee. We feel our way is better then the bosses' way, our friend's way, and at times even God's way. My struggle in receiving instructions stems from trust. I may not trust the motives of the person trying to instruct me, but with God it is so different... *God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?* The instruction we receive from the Bible is untainted and pure because God is not trying to get over on us or take advantage of us. He loves us and wants to lead us to greater understanding. So that being said, *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths”*.

Proverbs 3:5-6.

