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Sermon – Listen to the Holy Spirit

Scripture – Proverbs 14:12, 1st Timothy 6:3-10, Mathew 10:16

Main Message: Be careful who you listen to, unless it is God, you will get it wrong.

While growing up, I listened to my parents, mostly because I had to and I knew they had my best interest at heart. They were not always right. I listened to my teachers in school, mostly because I had to, and they generally had my best interest at heart. They were not always right. I listened to my superiors in the military, mostly because I had to, and they had the defense of the USAs best interest at heart. Doctors – I listen to doctors, because I do believe they generally have my best interest at heart. They are not always right – so I augment that listening carefully to God.

You know who I never, ever, take at face value? Anyone that extraordinarily benefits monetarily. They are by nature on the path to corruption. **Read 1 Tim 6.** For Example, Jonas Edward Salk invented the Polio Vaccine and donated it to humanity so that Polio could be irradiated. He also tirelessly campaigned to have children immunized. Recall the sugar cube anyone?

Today it is much different. Don't you find it interesting that Food **and** Drugs are so intertwined. Sounds good, right? Let's protect Americans from bad food and dangerous drugs. However, do you realize that many compounds used in our food or in the growing of the food are not allowed in the European Union because it is known to cause serious illness? Yet here in the USA with our faithful FDA we still have it. Even some types of food coloring in Europe have to come with warning labels on packages because of the side effects. No problem here in American though because those dyes cause attention deficit, and the drug companies happen to make drugs to help with attention deficit. Give them the food, sell them the drug. There is always a long list of what I believe to be honest accidents, but now with some wisdom we can see that which speaks to corruption.

Read Proverbs 14:12

I listen to doctors. I have taken their prescriptions and advice. I have recently been taking a drug called colchicine to help keep pseudo-gout at bay. I learned that it is one of the oldest drugs created and is well tolerated by most. Doctors want to help, but they are not perfect. They are also listening to those who benefit by people staying sick. One day, when it won't matter, we will all know the truth and may God have mercy upon those who put the things of this world ahead of the next one. Do the best you can. Like Jesus said,

Mat 10:16 KJV - Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. How to become wise? First, I will tell you that it will take real effort. It won't just fall into your lap. Being wise means that you can't believe everything you hear. Being wise means you must consider the motivation behind the intent.

So, the point of all this is to reiterate how important it is to listen to God and to read His Word. Those words are filled with life, with truth, with hope, with reassurance and knowledge.

So, all of the experts I have mentioned, whether it be parents, doctors, scientist, chemists, me or even yourself are imperfect and fail usually because of simply living in a broken world. Any individual is to be treated as kindly as you would a dove, but I have a different word of caution for those in positions of authority and who seek after wealth in an unholy way or have extravagant wealth.

God has our best interest at heart and only in HIM can we fully trust.