

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Psalm 32:8-9 (NIV)

Stubborn

Do you want me to instruct and teach in the way that you should go in life? That is a very important question that you should carefully consider. The quick and obvious answer might be “Yes, of course I want you to instruct and teach me in the way that I should go.” Yes, that is exactly what I would say to you. There is no doubt about that. **I wouldn’t think so. Who wouldn’t want me to instruct and teach them in the way that they should go?** Is that a question that you would like me to answer? **Yes, it is.** Many people might say that they want you to instruct and teach them in the way that they should go but not follow through with their responsibility. **What is their responsibility?** Their responsibility is to humbly come to you to be taught and counseled by you. **Is that all?** No, that is not all. After hearing your instruction and receiving your counsel it needs to be put into practice. **Will you come to me to hear my instruction and receive my counsel? Will you put my instruction and counsel into practice?** Yes, I will. **That will be very good.**

What will humbly hearing my instruction and receiving my counsel do for you as you put it into practice? Your instruction and counsel will guard and guide my life. Your instruction and counsel will watch over me. As I hear your instruction and receive your counsel I will know where to go and what to do as I follow and serve you. **Yes, you will.**

What must you never allow yourself to become? I must never become like a stubborn horse or mule that must be guided by a bit or bridle. If I allow myself to become stubborn I will never hear your instruction or receive your counsel. Your words will not guard and guide my life. Your words will not watch over me. I will have no idea where I should go or what I should do in life. I will be on my own. I will go my own way. I will do my own thing. That is not what I want. That is not what I will do. Instead, I will keep on humbly coming to you and put your words of instruction and counsel into practice. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will not be proud and stubborn like a horse or mule that must be controlled by a bit or bridle. Instead, I will willingly come to you. I will humbly and attentively listen to all that you have to say to me. I will put all your instruction and counsel into practice. Amen

Wisdom*Do Not Be Like*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

NIV

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Be Not Be Like*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

ESV

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Do Not Be Like*

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

NLT

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Do Not Be Like*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

NKJV

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Do Not Be Like*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

NRSV

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Don't Be Ornerly*

Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: "Don't be ornerly like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track."

MSG

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Be Not Be Like*

I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit and bridle, or else they will not come with you.

AMP

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Don't Be Like*

I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!

TLB

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Do Not Be As*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, Otherwise they will not come near to you.

NASB

Psalm 32:8-9

Wisdom*Don't Be Like*

You are my hiding place. You protect me from my troubles and fill me with songs of salvation. Selah The LORD says, "I will make you wise and show you where to go. I will guide you and watch over you. So don't be like a horse or donkey, that doesn't understand. They must be led with bits and reins, or they will not come near you."

NCV

Psalm 32:8-9

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you humbly come to the Lord to receive all His instruction and counsel.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will humbly come to you to receive all your instruction and counsel.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what instruction and counsel do you want to give me today as I humbly follow you?
