

# Let The Bible Speak

## Would You Like Some Answers?

Have you been cautioned not to question what you are told?

Religiously, some feel guilty when questioning what they have been taught to believe, as if somehow this demeans faith or might insult one's past teachers. But devoted truth seeking teachers will want their students to learn more than what they have taught them. They will want their students to go on from the foundation facts of their education, to build knowledge greater than this foundation.

Teachers that do not want this, do not "love the truth" but are self-seeking, trying to protect their own pride from the shame of contradiction. There is an integrity in being wrong and learning better, but there is no integrity in being wrong and stubbornly refusing to change because of pride. There is no virtue in willful ignorance. To say, "Don't confuse me with the facts" is the height of bigotry and prejudice, and certainly is not a distinguishing mark of intelligence.

Christians in the Bible were said to be of "noble character" when they questioned what they were told. "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11). Paul did not find their inquisitiveness offensive, but obedient. He exhorted Christians to, "Examine everything carefully" (I Thessalonians 5:21). Paul in writing Corinth (I Corinthians 3:10-11) said, "let each man be careful how he builds upon...the foundation...Jesus Christ." Even the church at Ephesus was praised for putting "to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they were not, and you found them to be false" (Revelation 2:2).

Paul was not trying to promote rebellion or skepticism, but caution. Paul was aware that, under the guise of Christian leadership, men would "arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples (to follow) after them" (Acts 20:30). In Colossians 2:8, Paul warned, "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." The ONLY way we can be sure we are following Christ, instead of religious men, is to verify what we are taught by the Word of God (II Timothy 3:16, Acts 20:32).

We are interested in "Letting the Bible Speak" in all facets of Christianity. God demands that we accept nothing less than Bible answers for Bible questions.

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Jesus Christ!