

Lesson 16 – Biblical Principles for Discovering Truth

- 1) How should a person approach the Bible?

Matthew 11:25 “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto ____.”

NOTE: When we approach the Bible we should be open for what it has to say. God isn't necessarily looking for intellectual might, but rather a willingness to follow truth.

- 2) What will God do, when we search for truth with our whole heart?

John 8:32 “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you ____.”

Jeremiah 29:13 “And ye shall seek me, and find *me* , when ye shall search for me with ___ your heart.”

NOTE: The promise is, that when we seek for God with all of our heart we will find Him. And once we find Him, His truth will set us free.

- 3) What should we pray for when we search for truth?

John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will ___ you into all ____: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ___ him?”

NOTE: When we study the Bible it is imperative that we ask for the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit's guidance we are merely reading a book. When we ask for the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, God speaks to our heart and mind as we read what the Word of God says.

- 4) How should one study the Bible?

Isaiah 28:9,10 “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. For _____ *must be* upon _____, precept upon precept; line upon line, ___ upon ____; here a _____, *and* there a _____:”

1 Corinthians 2:13 “Which things also we speak, not in the words which

man's wisdom _____, but which the Holy Ghost _____; _____ spiritual things with spiritual.”

NOTE: Sound doctrine is never built on one verse of scripture. As we compare the verses of the Bible together we will see brilliant, facets of light emanating from the mind of God.

- 5) What is truth?

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy _____ is truth.”

NOTE: There are many today who question moral absolutes. Some say that there is no such thing. But, Jesus speaks in very plain language: “The Word of God is Truth!” So, we are not to base “truth” on what we feel, how emotions are from day-to-day. We are to base truth on what it is, God’s Word.

- 6) What is a genuine truth seeker willing to do?

John 7:17 “If any man will _____, he shall know of the _____, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.”

NOTE: If a person is willing and open to know what is truth, that person will be led by the Holy Spirit to know what is truth.

- 7) What should we be willing to do with our own ideas, as we approach the Word?

Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way which seemeth right unto a _____, but the end thereof *are* the ways of _____.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy _____ is truth.”

NOTE: We should approach the Bible with the spirit of a learner. We should not study the Bible in order to prove what we already believe, but we should approach it humbly and meekly to learn what it says and to be willing to change when we are confronted with what it has to say to us.

- 8) How should we react to those who counsel us, contrary to God’s Word?

Proverbs 19:27 “_____, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to _____ from the words of knowledge.”

NOTE: We should cease to listen to them. There are many Pastors today, it is sad to say, that are leading their entire congregations away from the plain teachings of the Bible. They think that they are teaching liberty in not keeping the commandments of God. It is actually a slavish doctrine they are peddling. Let us all make sure that whoever is counseling us is doing so from the Word.

9) Who is the truth?

John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, _____, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

NOTE: Jesus said, “I am the truth.” When we follow the truth we are obeying Jesus Christ. When we disobey the truth, we are disobeying Jesus Christ. The choice is ours.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To be an open minded student of the Bible, by allowing the Bible to be your guide, and not family traditions or misguided religious leaders, to be one with Christ by implicit obedience to His Word. Yes or No