

Tidings From Timothy

Today we examine Luke 16:19ff in the morning. This evening I plan to preach on "Hard Things To Say."

In Need of Prayer: We have had some sick, but by and large people are holding their own. Of course, there are those on the sick list that we need to remember in prayer.



Pantry: We still need lots of pinto and great northern beans.

Youth: There is a skating trip tentatively planned for July 25th. Don't forget the upcoming September youth devotional at Pleasant Hill (we will need up to 3 speakers from Mt. Gilead for this event). Also, we have some young people going to Truth Bible Camp at Tennessee Bible College this week.

THINGS THAT DIFFER

By Franklin Camp

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the praise and the glory of God" (Philippians 1:9-10).

Paul's prayer for the church at Philippi is filled with instruction for any Christian or congregation. The principles of the prayer applied to life bring praise and glory to God. This should be the aim of every Christian and congregation. What are some of the things that are necessary to glorifying God? A fundamental truth given in the prayer is the ability to distinguish between things that differ. If one approves things excellent one must have the right kind of character. Character and attitude are important in interpreting Scripture. Intellectual attainment is of little value in learning truth without the proper moral altitude that must accompany learning. The scribes and Pharisees were trained in the schools of their day, but without the right attitude, they failed to

see Deity when He walked before their eyes. They were a total failure in understanding God because of a wrong attitude. This is the very point made in John 7:17. "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." The A.S.V. has "willeth to do His will." This denotes attitude. There must be the desire to know the will of God without regard to what it may be.

LOVE AND SENTIMENTALISM

Some confuse sentiment and love. Paul prays that the Philippians may abound in love but he separates it from sentiment. He wanted them to abound in love, that is, overflow, and this would influence their understanding. The heart that lacks love will not understand the truth. Love of self will blind one to understanding the Bible. Love of God and love of truth go together. Christ said He was truth, John 14:6. How can one love Christ and not love truth? "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause shall God send them delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2:10-12). One may see in the passage the determination to follow one's own way and Satan's use of the desire of pleasing self to deceive. Here is proof that one cannot love God without loving truth. The starting point of learning truth is saying and meaning, "Thy will be done, not mine."

One may see that love is not mere sentiment. Real love must be knowledgeable. Paul wanted the love of the Philippians to increase in knowledge. Proper judgment cannot be exercised without knowledge. That is the reason that love must be controlled by knowledge in order to make the proper judgment. The margin says "sense." The A.S.V. translates it "discernment." Ellicott makes the following comment on it: "The word 'perception' properly applies to the senses, and seems here to signify the insight which recognizes a truth as the eye recognizes an object. In the same sense (Hebrews 5:14) Holy Scriptures speak of those who 'by use have THEIR SENSES exercised to discern good and evil.' In fact, the perception here spoken of differs from knowledge in dealing not with general principles, but with concrete examples and questions."

Love must be directed by knowledge. Judgment or discernment is based on love that one knows the Book. Decisions are not to be made on sentiment. One can approve the things that are excellent only as they are tested by the Bible. Some of the judgments that are being made today are based on sentiment and not the truth. Unity is needed. It is required in the Scripture. (I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 10:20, 21). The desire for unity must not ignore the scriptural basis for it. It seems that some are willing to run past Jerusalem to Rome to offer fellowship to those who reject the authority of the Scripture... (edited for use in this bulletin)

What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: John 11:49-52 ⁴⁹And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

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