

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1st Peter 3:21

Be Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

Teaching us, rather plainly, to limit our associations in order to preserve righteousness, our new memory assignment is:

“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits’” (1st Corinthians 15:33).

Put this in practice and put this in mind by reading it, writing it, listening to it, and repeating it.

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

Allen Dvorak

Elkanah, father of the Old Testament prophet Samuel, had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah (1st Samuel 1). Peninnah had children, but Hannah was barren. In a mean-spirited way, Peninnah *“provoked”* Hannah because of her infertility. When Elkanah and his wives went up to the house of the Lord to worship, Hannah prayed silently to God, vowing that if He would give her a son, she would give the child to the Lord all the days of his life.

The priest Eli observed Hannah praying, seeing her mouth move, but not hearing her words. Eli concluded that Hannah was drunk and rebuked her, saying, *“How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”* When Hannah explained that she was praying with great grief, Eli recognized his error and blessed her.

We all fall prey to Eli's mistake from time to time. In order to make sense of the world around us, it is necessary for us to assign meaning to the actions of others. We observe someone's behavior and we frequently draw conclusions about that person based on their action. Actually we respond to the meaning that we assign to the action rather than the action itself. And sometimes, like Eli, we make assumptions which are invalid. Even if we succeed in being objective in our judgment, frequently there is more than one possible explanation for one's behavior. Eli's inappropriate rebuke was the result of his error in assigning meaning to her action.

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“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Monday

7:00 pm.....Acts Study

On hiatus

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

On hiatus

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

The current reading assignments are as follows:

Sunday.....2nd Chronicles 3-5

Monday.....2nd Chronicles 6-8

Tuesday.....2nd Chronicles 9-11

Wednesday.....2nd Chronicles 12-14

Thursday....2nd Chronicles 15-17

Friday.....2nd Chronicles 18-20

Saturday....2nd Chronicles 21-23

SIN WILL DESTROY YOU

Author Unknown

Radio announcer Paul Harvey told the story of how an Eskimo kills a harmful wolf. First, the Eskimo coats his knife blade with animal blood and allows it to freeze. Then, he adds another layer of blood, and another, until the blade is completely concealed by frozen blood. Next, the Eskimo fixes his knife in the ground with the blade up. When a wolf follows his sensitive nose to the source of the scent and discovers the bait, he licks it, tasting the fresh frozen blood. He begins to lick faster, more and more vigorously, lapping the blade until the keen edge is bare. Feverishly now, harder and harder the wolf licks the blade in the arctic night. So great becomes his craving for blood that the wolf does not notice the razor-sharp sting of the naked blade on his own tongue, nor does he recognize the instant at which his insatiable thirst is being satisfied by his own warm blood. His carnivorous appetite just craves more until the dawn finds him dead in the snow.

This account is gruesome; nevertheless, it well illustrates the consuming, self-destructive nature of sin.

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14-15).

"WOE UNTO THEM"

Author Unknown

The prophet Isaiah pronounced *"Woe unto them that..."*

1. Place value in property instead of in God (Isaiah 5:8-10).
2. Live for partying and drinking (Isaiah 5:11-13).
3. Live for iniquity and vanity (Isaiah 5:18-19).
4. Call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).
5. Are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight (Isaiah 5:21).
6. Are mighty to drink wine and mingle strong drink (Isaiah 5:22).

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It is not difficult to see how all this applies to us. A friend or neighbor does something and we begin assigning reason to their action. "He said that for the purpose of hurting me." "She did that just to spite me." "I know that she said that about me, even though she didn't mention me by name." Often the truth is that the speaker had no such motives. Unfortunately, friendships are sometimes destroyed because someone made unwarranted assumptions about another's actions or speech.

This danger of making unwarranted assumptions also exists in our study of the Scriptures. It is easy to insert our own thoughts as we decide what the Bible is teaching us. If we are not careful, we will accept the opinions of other men without realizing that the Bible does not actually say such things. For an excellent illustration of this, ask your friends what kind of forbidden fruit Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden. Why, an apple, of course! Where does the Bible identify the kind of forbidden fruit? We must differentiate between God's speech and our assumptions.

How can we avoid this pitfall of accepting incorrect conclusions? With respect to the Word of God, the careful Bible student will read and re-read the Word. He will test his religious convictions by that which he has read. Avoiding unwarranted assumptions could possibly save some friendships and perhaps our soul also.

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Romans 16:16

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