

THE TRUTH MUST AFFECT US IN THE RIGHT WAY

I am reminded that the young ruler thought he really wanted to do God's will. He thought he was ready to do whatever was required of Him. He learned something about himself that he did not know. He was not really willing to go all the way in order to have eternal life. The truth did not affect him in the right way.

The danger today of the truth not affecting us in the right way is very real. It takes discipline to learn something new. It takes discipline to live godly in an ungodly world. Maturity does not come automatically with age. Lot's wife's body was in one place and her heart was in another place. Now she is turned into a pillar of salt. The truth did not affect her in the right way. A long time ago, Israel was secure in their sealed homes and the roof fell in. They were thinking only of themselves. They had put their resources into bags with holes in them. The bible says, "OF WHOM A MAN IS OVERCOME, OF THE SAME IS HE BROUGHT INTO BONDAGE," 2 Pet 2:19. How foolish people are to disagree with the word of God.

We need all the help we can get to prepare for that great day. The Jordan River was in its flood stage. They stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan and passed over on dry ground. They were following Joshua and Joshua was following God's word. "ONLY LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE AS IT BECOMETH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: THAT WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU, OR ELSE BE ABSENT I MAY HEAR OF YOUR AFFAIRS THAT YE STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL" Phil 1:27.

Our decisions that we make must to be right. We will live with them through eternity. Today it seems like enough and tomorrow when we truly need it. God does not limit us. We limit ourselves. "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK; IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME," Rev 3:20.

Our secret faults and secret sins may be the thing that will bruise us at judgment day. "TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND AM SET DOWN WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE. HE THAT HATH AN EAR LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES," Rev 3:21&22.

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