

**"Me And The Lord Have An Understanding"**

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

This is usually said by someone who doesn't come to church or hasn't any interest in doing anything for the Lord. They feel that they are special and don't have to obey the scriptures and live according to the commands of God. It is a statement that springs from ignorance of the word of God, and ignorance of God. **Matthew 22:29**, says "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

These words were said to the Sadducees, but could have been said to the Pharisees, lawyers, priests, and to the majority of the people. They went by their thoughts and reasoning, not by what God had said. They had religion, ceremonies, and traditions to follow and didn't want anyone to try to change their minds. Instead of listening to Moses and the prophets as they read their words each Sabbath day they closed their minds. Not just refusing to listen to the truth, they begun to hate and

then to plot to kill Jesus and those who followed him. In their minds this was acceptable, and the plan was put into motion.

Whether it was those of the first century or people of today, those who close their minds to the word of God make the same mistake. Going by what we think, instead of what God has said is going to cause us to fail. People see those who go to church do something wrong and think that there is nothing to Christianity. They couldn't be more wrong. That is case of judging the Lord and his church by those who claim to be his followers.

When this happens, they want to make their own way. Most will say that they don't have to go to church to worship. Some claim that they worship God when they are in the forest hunting, or on the lake fishing, or even on the golf course. If they were honest they would say that they are doing what appeals to them and are enjoying the things that God has created but don't care about him. I don't believe that anyone was ever saved while hunting, fishing, or at a ballgame. If you are hunting or fishing you are quiet and not talking about God's word. If you are at a ball game it's

usually too noisy to hear, even if someone tried to talk about the Lord. Face it, no one goes to these activities to hear God's word.

People do get saved when they hear the Word of God and believe in Jesus.

**Romans 10:17**, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." This is how God has chosen to have people come to him, through the preaching of the word. Some will argue against it, but it is still the way that God has chosen. **1 Corinthians 1: 21**, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Not being baptized; nor going to church, supporting the Lord's work, and the other Christian duties, are what those do who tell themselves that they can go their own way and will be alright. They fool no one but themselves. Jesus is the example of how to serve God. Let us have a true understanding with God - He is God, we are his servants. Let's do as he said, not what we think will be okay.

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