Ye Do Err, Not Knowing The Scriptures Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Matthew 22: 29, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

This was a problem with the Pharisees and other leaders of the Jews, and it is still a problem with many church people today. How can a person say that they are interested in the things of God and are living for him but are not interested in knowing what his will is? **Ephesians 5:15-17**, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." The only way to do God's will is to know what it is, and that comes from hearing and studying the

I have heard people say some things that they claimed were in the bible, but were not. If they had read the scriptures for themselves they would have known the truth. This goes for the false doctrines that are

religiously taught by some churches. When a person says something as doctrine set forth by the Lord, and it goes against scripture, I can only figure that they don't really know the scriptures. Jesus didn't say one thing while meaning something different; man may do that but the Lord didn't.

People let their wants, and what they hope to be true, guide them in their thinking. Truth often has little to do with what they say or do. As one woman responded when I told her what the scriptures said on a particular subject, she said, "I know it say it, but I don't believe it." Others will say that someone went to heaven, although they might have been an unrepentant sinner. It might sound good to them, but the Lord said, "Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

The scriptures were written for our comfort, doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 1 Thessalonians: 4:18, 2 **Timothy 3:16.** If a person is sincere and really interested in living for the Lord he should want to know God's Word. There is no substitute for it. Only the truth revealed by the Lord can lead us to him and heaven. Man can only err on his own and without following the Lord can't please God.

If people knew the word of God and was serious about obeying the

Lord, there would not be so much conflict in our world, not to mention the church. I am saddened to hear of so much contention in congregations. Sin is tolerated in some, and false doctrines are set forth in others. Can we really believe that someone, or group, can mock what Jesus said and be doing God's will? Only a person void of common sense and reasoning could accept it as truth. TV programs often present false doctrines such as a person living a violent, wicked life, then doing a good deed and going to heaven. No mention of Jesus, or the plan of salvation, and people think it is a good program. Many would like to believe you can go to heaven that way, but it is false. Face it, without Jesus, you are not going to heaven.

Jesus told us to study the scriptures, **John 5:39**, yet, so many refuse to do so. How are we to know God's will, if we are not even interested enough to find out what it is? Tell me this, if you read all the newspaper folks think that you want to be informed, if you read novels, they think nothing of it, if you are a sports nut they call you a great fan, but if you're much of a bible reader many will think that you are some kind of fanatic. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6: 21.

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