

## Test your Bible Knowledge

1. In Mathew 10, Jesus instructed the apostles to go among:

- a. Samaritans
- b. Gentiles
- c. Israelites
- d. Hebrews

2. After some discussion among the apostle and the elders, it was decided that converted Gentiles should not be obliged to:

- a. to go to prison for a year
- b. abstain from meats offered to idols
- c. be circumcised
- d. pray

3. Paul said, "If anyone does not provide for his own, he is worse than

- a. an unbeliever"
- b. a bad man"
- c. a thief"
- d. an unbelieving husband"

### Scriptures:

- 1) Mathew 10:5-6
- 2) Acts 15:1-29
- 3) 1Timothy 5:8

-Fred Singleton

### Schedule:

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship – 11:00AM

Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM

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**"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16**

**"KNOW NOW THE CERTAINTY OF THE WORDS OF TRUTH"**

**Prov 22:2**

**Question: Is ignorance really bliss?**

**Answer:** We all have heard people say, "what you do not know cannot hurt you." "If one does not know, one has no responsibility" and some simply say, "ignorance is bliss." Does the Bible excuse lack of knowledge?

**God does not overlook ignorance.**

Man has the God given responsibility of "studying to show himself approved" (2 Tim. 2:15). Paul wrote thus of God: "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:4). In certain cases in times past, God did provide some excuse for ignorance (Acts 14:16). The language now is: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30, 31). Just because we have not availed ourselves of God's word and learned of God and his plan of salvation for man, does not mean God will justify us because we are ignorant (I am not referring to the mentally incompetent).

**The lost that are ignorant will still be punished.**

In certain cases, not knowing can be taken into consideration. After teaching that the servant who knew but did not do shall be "beaten with many stripes," Jesus said the servant who did not know "shall be beaten with few stripes" (Lk. 12:48, 41 ff.). Notice, though, that servant shall still be punished. Paul addressed the future status of those who "know not God." Hear him, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thes. 1:8, 9).

Beloved, God so loved us that he gave his only begotten Son to die on the cross (Jn. 3:16). Jesus shed his blood for the remission of man's sins (Matt. 26:28, cp. Acts 2:38). The Bible is universally accessible and can be understood (Eph. 3:2-5). Man, therefore, is without excuse for not knowing God's will! - Don Martin

## Christians Have A Godly Vision: Part I Bible study on discipleship.

"Vision" is possibly the most popular self-help buzz word of the last few decades. Unfortunately, "vision" is too often used as an excuse to violate God's authority. God created us to be people of vision, but we must have a godly vision for ourselves, our families, our businesses, and the church.

We talk about vision in three respects: 1) divine, prophetic revelation; 2) physical sight; 3) inner sight (mental perception, cognition, and understanding which often produces a visual image).

First, we must understand that the word "vision" is limited to prophetic revelation in the Bible. Therefore, we must be very careful in applying Scriptures containing the word "vision" to a discussion of man's inner vision for himself. [Proverbs 29:18](#) is often erroneously quoted as a proof text that man must have a vision for himself, but Solomon is writing concerning prophetic revelation - not man's inner vision.

There are different types of vision. There are social visions as with Martin Luther King, Jr. There are liberal arts visions as with artists and musicians. There are entrepreneurial visions as with those who see niche markets and can envision where the world's markets will be in twenty years. And there are cognitive visions which are insight based upon knowledge which has been intellectually cultivated (Robert Weaver).

Let me suggest that Christians may have a combination of these visions for themselves, but

that they must first have a cognitive vision based upon the word of God; therefore of faith. Paul says: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" ([Rom. 10:17](#)). Therefore, a Christian's inner vision is limited to that which is authorized by God.

For example, my oldest daughter is in first grade. One of her class assignments is to think of three professions that she would like to enter when she grows up. Although I was surprised that she would have this assignment at such a young age, it is good for children to begin developing vision. The challenge for parents is to begin instructing their children at a very young age concerning vision - godly vision vs. evil vision thus godly professions vs. evil professions.

Paul says: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" ([Col. 3:17](#)). Do all in the name means that Jesus must be the authority by which we conduct our lives. Therefore, He must also be the authority for our inner vision. Then to guard against pride, we must give thanks to God, our Creator, who has blessed us with the ability to envision goals and realize our dreams according to His will.

In my next article, I plan to further discuss vision from the Scriptures. For now, let me suggest that godly vision, in a word, is wisdom. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" ([Eph. 5:17](#)). To understand the will of the Lord is to be wise; and to be wise is to have a godly vision. - Allan McNabb

### James 4:8-10

**"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."**

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