

PROBLEMS OF THE UNTAUGHT

John 8:28-32

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many times, after being baptized there is an attitude of satisfaction in regard to Bible knowledge
- B. After learning first principles many become complacent and indifferent to Bible study.
- C. This means that many in the Lord's church are untaught which creates a sad and dangerous situation
- D. Christians must seek to know and learn as much as possible about God's will

DISCUSSION:

I. IGNORANCE OF WORD LEADS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO APOSTASY

- A. Israel apostatized as a result of one of two things
 1. Did not know God's law Hos 4:6; Reason Jud 2:10
 2. Or they had no respect for God's law Jer 36:23,24
- B. Lord's church will fall from same causes
 1. Every apostasy has resulted from ignorance of or a lack of respect for God's law 2Tim 4:2-4
 2. Most cases is a combination of both
 - a. False prophets will come 2Pet 2:1-3
 - b. Only those taught will stand 1Cor 11:19
 3. There is now a great lack of knowledge of God's word in the Lord's church
 - a. We pride ourselves in having nice Bibles but know little about them or from them
 - b. We listen to those who are supposed to know
 - c. Then we need to check it out Acts 17:11
- C. God expects, demands and requires Bible knowledge Acts 17:30
 1. Bible revealed for purpose of knowing 1Cor 2:12
 2. Ignorance doesn't excuse breaking civil law, neither will it God's law (Can know Jhn 7:17)
 3. Must study to continue growing Heb 5:12-14
 4. Something fundamentally wrong when we go for weeks & months without opening Bibles at home
 5. Notice the contrast in attitude of righteous man and ungodly, toward the Word Psa 1:1-6

II. PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE UNTAUGHT IN THE LORD'S CHURCH

- A. Untaught are susceptible to false teaching
 1. There has always been a danger of false teachers Matt 7:15 which preach another gospel Gal 1:6-9
 2. Some will be led astray 1Tim 4:1; Acts 20:29,30
 3. False teachers are powerless if not for untaught

- B. Untaught often ashamed of plain preaching Lk 9:26
 1. Truth may make others unhappy with us Gal 4:16
 2. Though we don't seek trouble, truth must be preached Acts 20:26,27; Gal 1:10
- C. The untaught lack spiritual judgment
 1. Those full-grown are able to discern Heb. 5:13,14
 2. Christians forbidden to love the world 1Jhn 2:15-17
 - a. Often the untaught are the "worldly members" of the church for they lack the moral and spiritual discrimination necessary to discern between the worldly and the spiritual 1Cor 3:1,2
 - b. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds Rom 12:1,2
- D. Untaught attach too much value to material things
 1. The effort to have material wealth is stronger in them than the search for spiritual wealth
 - a. This is known as "respectable worldliness" that is; devotion to business, profession, etc.
 - b. Just as damning as immorality 1Tim 6:1-10
 - c. If we are too attached to material things - a neglect of spiritual is natural result Matt 6:24
 2. Must not let things of this life come ahead of the Lord Matt 6:33
 - a. Lay not up treasure for this life Matt 6:19-21
 - b. If never have time to study one is entangled too much with the world 2Tim 2:24
- E. Untaught are usually indifferent to spiritual work
 1. Indifference - unconcernedness is gnawing at very heart of churches today all over the country
 2. Untaught are self-satisfied and complacent and lack a sense of urgency
 3. We must not be lukewarm Rev 3:15-17 (Laodicea)

CONCLUSION:

- A. In school we study hard for an examination to make sure we are prepared to pass
- B. Our eternal destiny will be determined by how well we learn and apply the word of God. It will judge us Jhn. 12:48
- C. God requires Christians to know as much as they are capable of knowing and to put it into practice
- D. How interested are we in passing the final exam of life in the day of judgment
- E. Don't jeopardize our soul by failing to know God's will 2Tim 2:15