

Not For Everyone (Pearls to Swine)

The Word of God is made for Christians only. Others will not know how to use it and can destructively use it incorrectly - Matt 7:6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

The Bible is more than just a book and it provides more than just reading-knowledge - Heb 4:12-13 - 12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

In order to receive all the Bible has to offer, we must be Spiritual, the world is not Spiritual - 1 Cor 2:12-14 - 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he CANNOT understand them, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.

The Bible provides guidance on all things, however, only True Christians will accept it...for example - Matt 19:10-12 - 10 The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry." 11 Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. 12 For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who CAN ACCEPT this should accept it."

If our point of view is not through Christ, we will distort EVERYTHING - 2 Cor 5:16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

How we Worship is not just something you know, it is something you are - John 4:23-24 - 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers MUST worship in spirit and in truth."

To truly understand the Word of God, you must receive and only believe through the Word of God and use the Word of God, without adding anything or taking anything from it - Titus 1:15-16 - 15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but BY THEIR ACTIONS THEY DENY HIM. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

We cannot try to live by combining old ways with new ways - Mark 2:21-22 - 21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. 22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, HE POURS NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS."

We CANNOT mix God's ways with man's ways - Mark 8:33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

When the Bible is not read correctly you will miss some very crucial parts - John 5:39-40 - 39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

There are Christians, that are hindered from receiving the full knowledge and benefits of the Word, because of the lack of true dedication to live by God's Word - Heb 5:11-14 - 11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Unbelievers are under the control of Satan, this is why it is so important to minister to them correctly - 2 Cor 4:4-6 - 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they CANNOT see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

To truly be one of those that gets it, we MUST make our complete purpose Spiritual - Rom 8:5-8 - 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.