

# Ignorance Part Two

## Introduction

Last week we began our series of Ignorance by saying that ignorance is an end result, a fruit of a process. In other words, when we went to school we didn't arrive stupidly ignorant, rather just uneducated. Yet throughout our schooling days there were ample opportunities in which to learn and pay attention by learning many subjects. If you were like me, you made choices and decisions not to listen and as a final result, or fruit, when I left school I left ignorant in certain subjects. Now we said that ignorance doesn't have to be a final state or stage, as it can be reversed by re-learning. Spiritually speaking, ignorance can be reversed the moment you acknowledge in your heart and mind that you are ignorant in your knowledge and revelational walk with God. If a person walks with sin and disobedience in their lives, then only repentance is going to remove ignorance. We saw how the Samaritan woman, speaking to Jesus at the well, though historically educated, she spiritually was found ignorant as she was worshipping a God she never knew.

## Ignorance part 2:

**1 Corinthians 12:1** *Now about spiritual gifts, brothers I do not want you to be ignorant.*

**Many Charismatic** Pentecostal churches today have become ignorant about the use of spiritual gifts in the world of the big church. They make no place for them, shutting the spirit out - controlling the platform.

In other churches we have what can only be described as **extremism**, rolling on the floor like windswept hay, not to mention spontaneous jerking and falling on people.

We have churches where no spiritual gifts are used because people are no longer bothered.

All three together equal spiritual ignorance, the very thing Paul wrote warning us not to let happen.

**1 Timothy 1:18** *Timothy my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.*

Look what happened to those who rejected the spiritual gift called prophecy; they no longer had hope in which to carry on their fight of faith, whereby consequently they shipwrecked their faith.

**If we were to take spiritual gifts out of the book of Acts, we have a book called 'works' rather than the book of Acts. The book of Acts is an account of the work the Holy Spirit did through the Apostles, through the use of spiritual gifts.**

Ignorance can be developed from a lack of knowledge in a given subject.

Ignorance develops as the result of a person's lack of focus and attention being given.

Ignorance can manifest due to sin and disobedience.  
Ignorance results when apathy and lack of desire is allowed to continue.  
Ignorance results when we become totally unaware of things going on around us.

Ignorance develops when we become insensitive to people's needs.  
Ignorance develops when we sit back and do nothing with what we have received, learned or been imparted with.

Ignorance develops when we drink from too many wells.

Ignorance is overcome when we acknowledge we are ignorant because we have been walking as children of darkness, for when we acknowledge this our light arises and we begin to shine.

**Hosea 4:6** *My people are destroyed through a lack of knowledge because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priests for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God I also will forget your children.*

### **Three consequences of their ignorance.**

Because the priest had forgotten the ways of God, becoming ignorant, God says they will no longer be allowed to be His priests. You are a priest and if you are rejected, your worship, tithe or offering cannot be accepted.

Their ignorance caused God to forget their children - no legacy left.

Destruction is the final result.

**2 Thessalonians 2:7-11** *The secret power of sin is already at work but the one who now holds that power will keep doing it until he is taken out of the way. Then the man of sin will appear. The lord Jesus will overthrow him with the breath of his mouth. The glorious brightness of Jesus coming will destroy the man of sin. The coming of the man of sin will be Satan's work. His work will be seen in every kind of evil that fools people who are dying. They are dying because they refuse to love the truth. The truth would save them God will fool them completely (hand them over to their own delusions) then they will believe the lie. Many will not believe the truth. They will take pleasure in evil they will be judged.*

**It was because of their behaviour of ungodliness that God sent upon them strong delusions. The mystery of godliness** is that God can live, walk and manifest in the flesh and **still be righteous**, but when Satan does this it's **called lawlessness**. Christ was tempted in all ways whilst in the flesh and remained righteous, whereas when Satan tempts you and you give in - you're finished.

**Destruction: 2 Peter 3:16** *He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking to them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort as they do other scriptures to their own destruction.*

*Whatever happens my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord, I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it so as to safeguard your faith*

**Philippians 3:1**

**Ignorance will cause you to live life like a roller-coaster, up and down** - and that is what we see in so many believers' lives today, as they are emotionally and spiritually up and down and why - because they basically are ignorant of God, His word and His ways. When this happens people make their own interpretations believing them above God or the pastor.

Destructive Doctrines **2 Peter 2:1-3**

Doom of false teachers **2 Peter 2:4-11**

Depravity of false teachers **2 Peter 2:12-17**

Deception of false teachers **2 Peter 2:18-22**

**Paul speaks of us not being ignorant of spiritual gifts, but let me help you from being ignorant by warning you about those who ask you for money, by promising that if you give you will get back one hundred fold return.**

*Do not judge and you will not be judged do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap for the measure you use will be measured back to you* **Luke 6:37-38**

Once preachers read the word 'give' they like the idea or a 'good measure', but the context is clearly speaking about forgiveness. Years later trillions of pounds, euros and dollars are being taken by promising people, with a gimmick not different from betting odds, which says put ten on and receive a hundred return - **it's Ignorance** and you are ignorant if you fall for it.

*Brothers and sisters, join with others in following my example. Pay close attention to those who live in keeping with the pattern we gave you. I have told you these things many times before. Now I say it again with tears in my eyes. Many people live like enemies of the cross of Christ. The only thing they have coming to them is death. Their stomach is their god they brag about what they should be ashamed of. They think only about earthly things. But we are citizens of heaven and we can hardly wait for a saviour from there He is Lord Jesus Christ.* **Philippians 3:17-20**

## **Conclusion**

Following the wrong example will get you into error and trouble.

Pay close attention to the teachings and patterns, which means for everyone attending the Dream Centre we labour so as you don't become ignorant.

Don't be passively ignorant with what you receive, diligently work it out to see if what you hear is right.

Know the difference with those who tell you they are Christian and those who aren't, because they are enemies of the cross - for what they have coming to them is death.

Watch out for your health because your god is not your stomach. Don't be ignorant about what you eat, get understanding or you will be taken out for sure.

Watch out for those who speak openly about things they should be ashamed

of.

Don't be ignorant about those whose only conversation is about earthy things, for these are not your brothers or sisters - friends maybe, but not brothers or sisters.

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**2 Kings 17** : Read the entire chapter. Ignorance opened the door for deception. When you are spiritually ignorant you leave yourself open to **deception, delusion, disbelief, disqualification**. **2 Corinthians 11:3-5** Yet though I may be untrained in speech I am not in knowledge.

**Philippians 3:17-19** Patterns to live by.

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