

Ignorance week 7 Understanding the 4 D's

God in Genesis 17:18 said regarding Abraham, "Should I hide that which I am about to do for Abraham and his offspring?" God does not want you and I to remain blind, short-sighted or ignorant regarding our lives and spiritual matters, for to become ignorant in these things will not get you a pardon into His glorious presence come judgment day.

Acts 18:23-28 After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and travelled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervour and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On arriving, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Apollos was an educated man who knew and understood the scriptures, as he himself had been taught the scriptures and was therefore considered by the disciples to be helpful, but saying this, Apollos was only a one dimensional kind of guy, as he only knew about the baptism of John which was the baptism of repentance. Apollos did not know anything of the work or the power of the Holy Spirit even though he was well versed in the scriptures.

This could have potentially caused problems for Paul, just like many Evangelicals who ascribe that speaking in tongues and the baptism of the spirit is not for today and therefore not of God. This short-sightedness has and currently is creating many problems for those desiring to move in the Spirit. There are people who work to discredit that which God is doing by calling themselves defenders of the faith. They need Priscilla and Aquila to teach them the way of God more adequately but will not allow this due to their prideful thinking attitude.

In essence, though Apollos was a good man, he was ignorant as to the workings of the Holy Spirit and therefore needed taking to a new position of unhindered sight, just like you and I do.

Proverbs 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.
Doctrines: Doctrines always refers to evil demonic spirits, whereas doctrine refers to the gospel which you and I have received. There is only one doctrine but there are many doctrines.

Titus 1:9-13 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith.

Titus 1:15-16 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. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

A brief look at what we should be teaching and who we should be directing our teaching and instructing to.

Titus 2:2-8 Teach the older men (to become what) to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women (Why) to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women (Here is the legacy being created) to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God (in other words pollute the doctrine). Similarly, encourage the young men (Here goes young men) to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

Briefly our doctrine must be useful for...

1. Teaching older men, older women, young men and young women (old & young age not defined by their years).
2. The end result of this is to produce people who are temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled people who are sound in the faith.
3. Produce a home which is a major central issue of today's society and always will be.

4. Produce a healthy prosperous marriage, teaching the woman how she should love her husband and partner him in the cause of the gospel.

5. How young men must live self-controlled lives such as sex, drink, spending money, his love for God and his protecting the family by prayer and example, for by doing this their wives will melt like butter in their hands, not to mention their children love them.

6. All this must be done with seriousness and sound speech so that those who try and oppose it may be ashamed.

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 If anyone teaches false doctrine and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing (he/she is or has become ignorant). He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

You would not believe how many preachers today are fulfilling speaking engagements due to who pays the most.

1 Timothy 4:6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

Deception: Remember Proverbs 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

Deception means: fraud, hypocrisy, craftiness, duplicity.

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Much of the Dark Age Catholic doctrine taught in this country and throughout

Europe was taught by people paying money to receive what was once and still is known as religious indulgencies. Purgatory and false doctrines like these were paid for so the Catholic church could receive financial gain.

2Corinthians 11:3-4 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

Delusion: Israel, when asking God to give them a king, (Saul) became deluded in thinking that they would become better, if not stronger, than other nations, though at the expense of ignoring God's advice. Remember Israel, through delusion, created a God in the image of a golden calf.

Isaiah 30:9-10 These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD'S instruction. They say to the seers "See no more visions" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

Illustrate: Many pastors in churches today have become delusional in their thinking, for they believe that the modern day church does not need public spirit activity in corporate meetings, because this makes people feel uncomfortable. The church is clinically anaesthetised of the need for the things of the spirit and for the spirit to remove the veil over people's eyes and minds. They preach and teach life lessons and self help messages, pitching their messages at the human subconscious thinking level. The word is never allowed to correct or rebuke people's thinking and behavioural life styles, simply because if it did people would not return the following week to church, hence much of today's church is offering people a 'comfortable' church.

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Destruction: Israel's destruction was a constant throughout her history, whether it was an entire generation dying in the wilderness, or a nation being taken into captivity, exiled many times, she was found to have shipwrecked her faith and belief in God.

Galatians 1:8-9 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

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Conclusion: Paul said "I know whom I believe, what I believe and why I believe and am therefore confident of that which I have entrusted to Him will work out well for me as I stand one day before the throne of God giving my life's account."