



### 3d Basic Problem in Life: Ignorance of &/or Rejection of Biblical Guidance: Survey of Passages that Commend Knowledge & Condemn Ignorance

#### 26. #3: Ignorance of and/or rejection of biblical guidance.

- 1) No believer should entertain matrimony if he or she is ignorant of the Word of God or in rejection of its teachings.
- 2) To be ignorant or negative causes the believer to be incapable of fulfilling the biblical mandates related to marriage.
- 3) This ignorance or negativity also makes it impossible for the person to access and apply biblical problem-solving devices.
- 4) Such a condition makes it impossible for this person to become a witness for the Prosecution in the corporate testimony of the Christian marriage.
- 5) Ignorance or hostility to the Word of God causes status quo carnality to devolve through the stages of reversionism and suffer the categories of divine discipline that are associated with such a decline.
- 6) When either the husband or the wife or both are in spiritual freefall and undergoing divine discipline they are not witness for the Prosecution but rather for the defense in the appeal trial of Lucifer.
- 7) Whether related just to the believer in general or to those in the corporate marriage in particular, Scripture indicates that knowledge of Bible doctrine is powerful and failure to acquire and utilize it is condemned:

**Matthew 22:29 -** You are caused to be led astray [ πλανάω, planaō: to be led astray ], not having perceptive awareness of the Scriptures or the power of God.

**Mark 7:6 -** And Jesus said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites [ Pharisees ], as it is written [Isaiah 29:13], ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me.’

**v. 7 -** ‘But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’

**v. 8 -** “Neglecting the commandment of God [ Torah ], you hold to the tradition of men [ the oral traditions: the Halakah, the legal section of the Talmud ].”

**Mark 8:18 -** “Having eyes, do you not see? Having ears, do you not hear?”

**John 14:15 -** If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**John 14:21 -** “The one [ ‘O, ho: definite article ] who has [ έχω, echō: participle in the nominative case ] the commandments of Mine and [ και, kai: connective conjunction ] keeps [ τηπέω, tēpeō: participle in the nominative case ] them, he it is who loves [ αγαπάω, agapaō ] Me ...”

In light of the point we are making with regard to divine power infused into knowledge of Scripture, this verse emphasizes its application by means of the Granville Sharpe Rule stated as follows in:



Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics*. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 271:

**Statement of the Rule.** When the copulative *kai* ["and"] connects two nouns or participles of the same case, if the article *ὁ* [*ho*: "the one"], precedes the first noun or participle [*echo*: "has"], and is not repeated before the second noun or participle [*tēpeō*: "keeps"], the latter always relates to the same person that is expressed by the first noun or participle.

1. In John 14:21, the definite article *ho* introduces the believer who loves the Lord and gives two qualifications for the development of this love: (1) *having* the Lord's commandments which means knowing them and (2) *keeping* them which means applying them to life and circumstances.
2. Both these actions are required in order for the believer to acquire love for the Lord.
3. Thus this is a virtue love which is manifest by the fact that the believer is not only a "hearer" of the word but a "doer" also (James 1:25).
4. Nevertheless, it is typical for those who reject the hearing of the Word to consider themselves to be wise:

**Romans 1:22** - Professing themselves to be wise they became fools.

**Romans 15:13** - Now may the God of confidence fill you with all happiness and tranquility in believing that you may super abound in confidence by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 2:4** - My message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and of power,

**v. 5** - that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

**1 Corinthians 10:12** - Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** - Stop being led astray [ **present passive imperative of** *πλανᾶω*, *planaō* ]! Evil associates corrupt good norms and standards.

This verse has an interesting background that is worth noting. It is a quote by Paul from *Θαίς* (*Theis*), a work by Menander, the third-century B.C. Athenian comedic playwright.

Paul was an educated man and it was not unusual for him to insert his knowledge of Grecian or Hellenistic culture into his epistles.