

Things That Must Be Learned

Matt. 11:25-30

➤ Introduction

- The Lord's invitation to all men. (Matt. 11:28-30)
- Coming to the Lord involves two things here:
 - Wearing the Savior's yoke.
 - Learning of him. A disciple is a learner. (Acts 11:26)
- Learning requires...
 - Time → Eph. 5:16; Heb. 5:12
 - Effort and Desire → II Tim. 2:15; Lk. 10:39
 - Sacrifice → Rom. 12:1
 - Subject Matter → II Tim. 3:15
- Learning an individual matter.
- Learn → To increase, grow in knowledge.
 - By inquiring. (Acts 8:36)
 - By observation. (Acts 17:11)
 - By use and practice. (Phil. 1:9-11)

➤ We Must Learn Obedience. (Heb. 5:8-9)

- Heb. 5:8-9 → 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (Lk. 2:51; Jn. 4:34; Matt. 26:38-44)
- God's laws are for our good. (I Tim. 4:8)
- Obedience is necessary to pleasing God.
 - Matt. 7:21 – to enter the kingdom of God.
 - Lk. 6:46 – to serve Jesus as Lord.
 - Heb. 5:8-9 → the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him.
 - Rev. 22:14 → blessed are they who do his commandments.
 - What we learn must be put into practice. (Jn. 13:17)

➤ We Must Learn The Scriptures (II Tim. 3:14-17)

- God has spoken through His Son, Jesus Christ. (Heb. 1:1-3)
- God has revealed Himself to us with words. (I Cor. 2:9-13)
 - The Bible is understandable.
 - Eph. 5:17 → "be not unwise but understanding the will of the Lord."
 - Ps. 119:104 → "through thy precepts I get understanding..."
- We can learn of God – His power and eternal nature by His creation.
 - Rom. 1:18-20 → renders one without excuse.
 - Ps. 19:1-6 → heavens declare the glory of God.
 - Acts 14:17 → God has provided witness of himself.
- Can only know His will for us by learning His word.
 - Lk. 10:25-26 → What is written in the law? How readest thou?
 - Matt. 19:4 → Have ye not read...
 - Matt. 22:29 → Ye do err not knowing the scriptures...
- To know God's will for salvation. (Jn. 6:44-45; Acts 10:48)
- To guard against the devil. (Ps. 119:11; Eph. 6:10ff)
- To be built up spiritually. (Acts 20:32)
- To strengthen our hope and patience. (Rom. 15:4)
- To stay within the bounds of what is written. (I Cor. 4:6; Rom. 16:17)
- We must continue in the things we learn. (II Tim. 3:14)

➤ **We Must Learn To Put Off The Practice of Sin**

- 17 So I say this, and insist in the Lord, that you no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.
- 18 They are darkened in their understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardness of their hearts.
- 19 Because they are callous, they have given themselves over to indecency for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.
- 20 But you did not learn about Christ like this,
- 21 if indeed you heard about him and were taught in him, just as the truth is in Jesus. (Eph. 4:17-21)
- Characteristic of the Gentile world.
 - Futile thinking → devoid of truth; perverse
 - Darkened understanding → thoughts, feelings deprived of light.
 - Ignorant → lack of knowledge; moral blindness
 - Callous → insensible to pain; dulled perception
- Actions were:
 - Indecent (Lascivious) → shameless; unbridled lusts.
 - Impure → unclean thinking, actions.
 - Greedy → Greedy desire to have more and more.
- 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;
- 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.