

Morning Lesson

IT SAYS SOMEWHERE IN THE BIBLE...OR DOES IT?

Acts 17:11

INTRO:

1. One of the critical issues in our relationship with God is that of authority.
2. The people of Jesus' day once asked him, **Matt. 21:23**
3. The question was and is an important one.

I. I MUST ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS THE STANDARD OF AUTHORITY.

- A. It is the word of God. **2 Pet. 1:21**
- B. It will equip me for every good work. **2 Tim. 3:16, 17**
- C. I will be judged by it. **Rev. 20:12; John 12:48**

II. I MUST BE CAREFUL TO DOCUMENT ITS TEACHING.

- A. Many agree the Bible is God's revelation, but do not take the time and effort to know what is in it.
- B. Have you ever heard these "chimney corner" scriptures? They are usually preceded by "You know the good book says..."
 1. The time will come when there will be seven women cleaving to one man's coat tail.
 2. Feed your enemy with a long handled spoon.
 3. I'm going to do like Solomon and let it ride.
 4. Every stitch you sew on Sunday, you will have to rip out on Monday. (You rip what you sew.)
 5. A whistling woman and a crowing hen are of no account to God or men.
 6. You can dance all day long, and you don't sin if you don't cross your legs.
 7. If you get drunk, don't waller.
- C. I can't find book, chapter, and verse for these passages, but try the following.
 1. If someone hurts you, tell as many people as quickly as possible to get others on your side.
 2. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
 3. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.
 4. Try to work in a little religion as you have time, but don't be a fanatic.

CONC:

1. It is worth checking out.
2. Some things people teach and practice are not in the Bible.