

"I Don't Care" -- But The Time Will Come That You Will

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Because of their immaturity, their lack of experience and wisdom, their impatience, and their tendency to focus in a tunnel-vision-like manner on something that they want to have right now or something they want to avoid for the moment, young people can be very difficult to reason with. Forget about costs, forget about consequences, forget about the fact that looks can be deceptive and sin is deceptive, they know what they want, and they want it right now! Or, they know what doesn't interest them, and right now they will have nothing to do with it!

Well, in many matters, and especially in spiritual matters, are most adults any different? When it comes to doing things that they know are contrary to God's will (but they want like crazy to do them), and when it comes to neglecting the very things that God in His word has enjoined (but they find unappealing), they go right ahead and follow the course they want to take. Concerned, caring, and informed people can say to them, "But you will miss heaven," or, "But you will lose your soul in hell," and they can respond, callously, "I don't care!" But the time will surely come that they will care -- for all eternity, when it will be too late!

Why, in the first century, in the city of Jerusalem, did the Jewish people and their rulers reject and crucify a Jewish man from Nazareth of Galilee -- who just happened to be their promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, the Son of God? (Their prophets wrote of Him, and He told them over and over who He was and proved it.) "And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers" (Acts 3: 17).

"Which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they know it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Cor. 2:8). If only they had known what they surely could have known, but refused to know. The reason God puts things like this in His Word should be obvious to us.

If only rebellious and foolish young people knew what they could know if they wanted to, and, if only most adults who are not right with God knew what they could know if they wanted to, there would be a lot of changes made. Have you become a Christian? Are you living as a Christian should live? Do you care? Remember, the time will come that you will.

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