

Do You Have A Problem?

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Do you have a problem that is a real problem, a serious problem, a problem involving a moral issue, an issue of right and wrong? It may be a private and personal problem, or a problem in the home, or at work, or at school, or in the neighborhood, or in the congregation. But if you have such a problem, the Bible contains the solution to your problem. However, before that solution will be of any value to you, you need to answer the following questions:

1. Do You Believe It?

Do you really believe that the Bible contains the solutions to all of your serious problems? Do you have that much faith in it? It is a perfect book, a complete book. It came from the infinite mind of God and will supply all the deep needs of man. In it are *“all things that pertain unto life and godliness”* (2 Peter 1:3), *“all the truth”* (John 16:13), that which will equip the man of God that he may be *“complete, furnished completely unto every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Have enough faith to have this much confidence in the Bible.

2. Are You Willing To Look For It?

The solution is not there on just any and every page, but it is there. Are you willing to search its contents to find it? As a Christian you should already be a student of the Bible, familiar to some extent with the Scriptures. Surely you have already formed the habit of diligent Bible study and are growing in your knowledge of and respect for God’s word. Surely you are learning how to use it and where to look for particular information. You may need the assistance of others more familiar with the Bible than you, and you may consult concordance or commentary, but the information that gives the solution to your problem is there waiting for you to discover it. Look until you find it.

3. Will You Accept It When You Obtain It?

Many there are who say that they want the Bible answer to a particular problem, only to change their minds when they learn the Bible answer. It turned out that it wasn’t what they wanted or expected, or it didn’t agree with their wisdom, or feelings, or desires. But a Christian is one who hungers and thirsts after righteousness (Matthew 5:6; and that *righteousness* is revealed in the gospel, Romans 1:16-17), who wills to do the will of God (John 7:17), whose attitude is expressed by, *“Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth; command, and I will obey.”* So will you accept the Bible answer whatever it turns out to be?

4. Will You Apply It?

Obviously, anything short of application will be of no real benefit to you, and anything less than application is a clear indication that you do not believe it and have not accepted it. So when that Bible solution cries out for application to your particular problem, will you then have the faith, the courage, the humility, and all that it takes to apply it? Just to get you started, let’s look at a few hypothetical but possible problems. If the problem is that someone has wronged you or sinned against you, the solution is found in Matthew 18:15-17. If the problem is that you have wronged or sinned against someone else, the solution is found in Matthew 5:23-24. If the problem is that someone hurt you so much that you feel that you cannot forgive him, the solution is found in Matthew 6:14-15; James 2:13. If the problem is that you are burdened with worry, the solution is found in Philippians 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:7. You take it from there.

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