

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 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 solution 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 Pet. 1:3), “*all the truth*” (Jn. 16:13), that which will make “*the man of God ... complete, furnished completely unto every good work*” (2 Tim. 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 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 need to consult a 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 (Matt. 5:6), 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 declaration 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 have the faith, the courage, the humility, and all that it takes to apply it?

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