

Can You Help Someone Who Doesn't Want Help?

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I not only believe that the Bible, especially the New Testament, contains and provides for all that we need to know, to believe, and to do **in the spiritual realm**. It also contains the answers to all of our questions that are of most importance, and all of the solutions to all of our problems that are really serious problems. If I did not believe these things, I would not believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God — complete, perfect, all sufficient, supplying all of our moral and spiritual needs. God being its author, it is sufficient for man from the time of its completion to the end of time — for all ages and all generations. And those who do not accept these things without equivocation but deprive themselves of all of the wonderful benefits the Bible can provide them, both in time and in eternity. The entire book of *Ecclesiastes* (and especially its conclusion in 12:13-14); John 14:25-26; 16:12-13; 2 Peter 1:3; and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 are some of the passages that support these conclusions.

Now, can you help someone who doesn't want help? Perhaps to a small degree, but never to a successful and complete degree. Throughout the Old Testament God sent prophets to His people, Israel, but for the most part Israel did not want their help, resented it and refused it. Can you help someone with a problem, especially a problem within himself, who will not admit, who refuses to admit, that he has a problem? Absolutely not! Now let us turn that around. If I or you have a problem, but will not admit it, or need help, but do not want it, we but erect a barrier, usually an impenetrable barrier, to the aid or the solution that we must have. Let us be humble, and let us be honest — with ourselves.

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