

Destroyed For A Lack Of Knowledge

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“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6 NKJV).

Can anyone read this passage without shuddering?! **God’s people** rejected the knowledge of God! **God’s spiritual leaders** — the priests — rejected the knowledge of God! As a result, they were **destroyed** (721 B.C.) as the Assyrians overran Israel (northern 10 tribes) and ceased to exist as a nation. God warned them through the prophet Hosea, but they were not interested.

Today, we see a repeat among God’s people in a *rejection* of the knowledge of God. It is done quite subtly — sitting in a Bible Class but never mentally engaged; sitting through a sermon but never making a personal application; choosing to read the newspaper, watch a TV show, or spend all their time on Facebook, Twitter, etc. rather than reading God’s Word at home, on their own, even while a Bible sits on their cell phone!

Churches of Christ in some localities are dying *spiritually* while supposedly being “alive for Christ”! (read Revelation 3:1 and the church at Sardis). They are busily engaged in everything except studying and teaching God’s Word to the lost and to one another.

Brethren, are you guilty of these things? Is your spirituality dwindling because of a lack of knowledge, caused by a lack of interest? If so, then let this be a warning to you. You can change now. Ignore this warning, and one day your church and your soul will be dead because of your indifference!

Teachers and preachers, and all listeners — ***The Seven Laws of Teaching*** by John Milton Gregory ought to be required reading. Some among us have no idea **how** to teach or **what** to teach! Consequently, the student learns little or nothing, and we are wasting our Bible classes and sometimes even our sermons! This book goes back to the very basics and builds from the ground up! Let me share a couple of quotes with you:

“(5) **Teaching** is *arousing* and *using* the *pupil’s mind* to grasp the desired thought or to master the desired art.

“(6) **Learning** is thinking into one’s own understanding a new idea or truth or working into *habit* a new art or skill” (p. 17).

Does this describe your teacher and students?

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