

Ignorance isn't Bliss

Ignorance isn't bliss. A poor minded person often states that ignorance is bliss. They champion the lack of knowledge. They champion the fact that they don't have to be accountable.

They are free from accountability. They are free without knowledge because with knowledge comes responsibility and with responsibility comes accountability.

'My people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge'. Hosea 4:6

Knowledge is a powerful weapon in today's world. Knowledge equals power. People's lives change when they engage in the journey of obtaining knowledge.

Ignorance by definition means lack of knowledge.

But I want to look at this in more depth. There more powerful things than knowledge.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, even as you were led.

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no one can say that Jesus is the Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

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Biblically ignorance is not just the lack of knowledge but the lack of a specific kind of knowledge.

Ignorant = no revelation.

Knowledge of the word, its contents isn't enough. "the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.' 2 Corinthians 3:6

If you only know the word it can become a rock around your life or even a noose around your neck.

What gives life is when the word of God comes alive to us for a specific situation. That's revelation.

We are a church that believes in the power of the spirit of God. We are a church that lives out of the revelation not just knowledge. We are a church who believes in the complete inspired word of God.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Paul is asking the Corinthian church not to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. He was asking them to live out of the revelation about spiritual gifts not the knowledge of spiritual gifts.

How do we know that?

Verse 2, 'You know that you were Gentiles carried away by these dumb idols'.

What Dumb idols was Paul talking about? What is the subject of this conversation? Paul is referring to spiritual gifts as dumb idols. How can this be?

The world gets carried away with anything spiritual. They can't seem to get enough of them. Horoscopes, crystals, tarot cards, psychics, clairvoyants are just the surface of a much larger need and desire of man to touch the supernatural.

It is so easy to get fascinated with spiritual gifts. Even in church we lift our eyes and our hearts get lifted when the spiritual gifts are in operation. Something on the inside of us wants in.

Paul is saying not to get carried away with the knowledge of these. The world knows about prophecy, knowledge, healing and miracles. Just because you know about won't help you. You need something more. Without that something you are in essence ignorant.

Verse 3 is all about revelation. You can't do the things mentioned there without revelation. Revelation causes you to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord and it will never cause you to curse Jesus Christ. Knowledge can't do those things.

Ignorance isn't bliss, its stupidity.

Knowledge isn't bliss without revelation.

The world has another word for revelation – it's experience. This can either be you having experience or you having an experience.

You can have all the knowledge about a topic but not have the experience. Experience seems to open doors for some people. But in doing this the world has attempted to replace revelation with experience.

There are three levels in existent to enable any person to change grow and become successful.

Concept	Gate	Opens	Based on
1. Knowledge	opportunity	WORK	WHAT YOU DO
2. Experience	favour	TIME	WHO YOU KNOW
3. Revelation	promotion/elevation	GOD	WHO GOD IS!

When we live we can live out of any of these places of sustainance, life. So how do you move from just knowledge and experience to revelation.

Seek the Lord.
If you seek me you shall find me.

Psalms 27:4-6

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret place of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And **now shall my head be lifted up above** my enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. (Psalms 27:4-6)

We aren't seeking the promotion/elevation we are just seeking God. Its not about lists its about Him. Its not even about his will, his plans in the world today its njust about Him.

Want revelation. Seek God.