

IT'S MORE THAN I CAN FATHOM

Christians are very fortunate and blessed. God has given to us His Word for light, direction and instruction. To grow in grace and knowledge of the Word for light, direction and instruction. To race and knowledge of the Lord is intimately connected to our knowledge of the Word. The ability to face critical times is also related to our knowledge of God's Word. On the other hand, if we are ignorant of the Word, then we stand in jeopardy of being deceived by false teachers. The book of Timothy has been called "the believer's charter for the last days". Let's look at a couple of the various attitudes in these last days concerning the truth. The first area of truth that will concern us is those who walk away from the truth as illustrated by Phygellus and Hermogenes in 2 Timothy 1:15, "*This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.*" After all the work of the gospel that Paul had done in Asia, there were those who turned away from Paul's leadership in his final great hour of trial. And Paul names the two ringleaders. They not only reject Paul's person, but it now seemed to be the right time to defect doctrinally.

The next area of truth to concern us is those who corrupt the truth as illustrated by Hymenaeus and Philetus in 2 Timothy 2:16, 17. They perpetrate "*...profane and vain babblings...*" of what men think the Bible ought to say, putting a question mark instead of a period after "thus saith the Lord".

Another way men corrupt the truth is through promotion of Bible perversions, where human scholarship and intellectualism have presumed to "correct" the Bible and so have mixed in their thinking, polluting the truth.

The Holy Spirit has been so good to preserve for us His Word (the old King James Version). Who could have fathomed the state of professing

Christianity today and its view of God's Word? What havoc it has produced in the next generation! You might be surprised to know that the Millennial Ship is sinking here in the USA.

A recent Barna poll shows that Millennials (adults in their 20s) had this view of the Bible:

--24% believe it to be the Word of God.

--30% believe it is just a book of moral teachings.

—19% believe it to be irrelevant.

—27% believe it to be dangerous.

--Of the 24% that say they believe in the Bible, only a small percentage know what it is, where it is to be found, or even use it.

If you are dismayed at the decay of our society and our moral dilemma, what can you expect after seeing the results of such a poll? We are one generation away from our nation being totally submerged in apostasy. Reality hurts. The world may be going down. But if your trust is in Jesus Christ as your Savior (found Him in the Bible), you're going up! Titus 2:13. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great day and our Saviour Jesus Christ." It is more than I can fathom!

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