

Going To God First

It is characteristic of human nature to turn to God **only** after every other avenue of help has been explored and been found useless. This is one of the many evils that sin has visited upon us, the bent-to look everywhere for aid but in the right place, to look there last.

No human being likes to think that they are a second choice, but our patient Heavenly Father lies under the shadow of always being at least second and often third or even tenth choice. For most of us will have to confess that we sought God only after all else had failed.

No-one needs to feel ashamed if they come to God as a last resort, especially if they have found help they sought within the family of the true God their fellow Christians.

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 [New King James] *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:” ... “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”*

God has provided a great diversity of gifted people in His fellowship, and if He is satisfied with help of such God-gifted people, we also should be satisfied.

Going to God first by going to His Word, the Christian Bible, will head off many a bad situation.

God has provided the “wisdom books” for us to avoid bad mistakes before we find ourselves totally involved in them.

Many aspects of life, from sound business to marriage, are there for us to learn from in advance.

This is “going to God first” for God’s Word, the Christian Bible, will help us to deal with day-to-day problems.

2 Timothy 2:15-16 [New King James] *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.”*

We have to give diligent attention to the study of God’s Word, we will then find it will help us greatly to fully understand what is needed to solve our problem.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 [New King James] *“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Only a continual study of God’s Word, the Christian Bible, will make us equipped to face every trial that life is bound to bring.

Being taught as a young child will give us a firm foundation for every situation we will face in adult life, [Proverbs 22:6].

Hebrews 12:5-11 [New King James] *“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*

This correction will continue throughout our lives for we are all “children” from His viewpoint.

Never forget to thank our Creator God for such great love and concern in every aspect of our lives.