Inquiring Minds

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 11:2–15

INTRODUCTION

- An inquiring or inquisitive mind is a good thing. And it's an important first step.
- But an essential thing must follow the inquiring mind. And that is turning to the proper source for answers to life's greatest questions.
- We need to ask some additional questions like, is it real? Is it true? And is it right?

1 Inquiring at the Wrong Source

1 Kings 22; 2 Kings 1; Isaiah 8:19–20

- A number of Old Testament texts that all had this thing in common. And that is that they were inquiring at the wrong source.
- Instead of owning up to the real issue or being humble enough to admit what is right and wrong, they attempt to discredit the source.
- Ahaziah, is there no God in Israel? You've got to go consult the God of Ekron.
- Should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?
- If you don't consult the proper source for the ultimate answers of life, it is because you have no God. There is no light in your thinking.

2 What People Are Looking For

Acts 10:34–35

- First of all, they want their conscience to be soothed. Whatever religious choice I make, I want it to satisfy my conscience.
- This book clearly, consistently, and continually, points out that religion alone does not save.
- Some people make the choices that they make and consult what they consult because they're looking for something that's fun.
- We want a comfortable religion. We want something that suits us. But remember, this religion thing is about a cross.
- And so let's find a group that doesn't say things that rubs people the wrong way.

3 God Satisfying Answers

- It doesn't matter if my parents believe this or not.
- What I believe is what I practice. Does God approve of it?
- When you embrace God's satisfying answers, ultimately, you get the ultimate self-satisfying answers. That's the real irony.
- When making a choice, we shouldn't fear what obedience to God will cause to happen. Only what disobedience will cause us to miss.

4 It’s Got to Be Truth

John 8:31–32; 1 Peter 1:22

- If you abide in my word, then you are disciples of mine, Jesus said.
- But if we don’t abide in his word, he doesn’t regard us as his disciples.
- And you shall know the truth. And the truth shall make you free.
- Our souls are purified. In what response? By our obedience to the truth.
- Would you rather be happily deceived and lost. Or perhaps made a little uncomfortable and challenged. And possess truth. And be saved.

5 That Truth Brings Us Peace

1 John 5:13–15

- I’m talking about the peace that comes from knowing that what you have believed is right, and what you are practicing is right, and how you are living is right.
- These things I have written to you that you may know that you have eternal life.
- This is a peace that comes from an honest investigation of the scripture and a humble submission to the Father’s will.
- There might be suffering that will attend our choice to be faithful to the Lord. But ultimately it’ll be worth it all.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you sure that you’re on that path? Are the answers that you’ve embraced for your soul? Are they true? Are they real? Are they right?

MY NOTES