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## WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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# SIMPLE TRUTH

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## "We Will Not"

*Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'" - Jer 6:16-17*

Sometimes disobedience happens because of 'environmental ignorance' – we just haven't had the opportunity to learn all we should know about God's will (Ac 18:26). And, sometimes disobedience happens because of weakness (Ro 7:15). We are all affected by these types of disobedience from time to time; and, we thank God for His grace in such situations.

More insidious, however, is the disobedience resulting from 'willful ignorance' (2 Pe 3:5). This is simply rebellion, and it reflects a fundamental heart problem.

Those who are beset by 'environmental ignorance' should strive to "grow in knowledge" (2 Pe 3:18). Those who are weak should spend more time with God's Word (1 Pe 2:2). But, those who are rebellious must have a fundamental change of heart – or be lost. To say "we will not" is to sign our own death warrant (Jer 6:19).

## Another Perspective

### ***PRIMARY DUTIES TAKE PRECEDENCE***

A man was given the job of caring for a lighthouse along a rugged shore. His oil was supplied monthly so that the beacon would shine faithfully and brightly. But, visitors came frequently to the lighthouse. A woman came and pleaded for a little oil to use in her stove so that her infant could have warm milk. A lad asked for oil for his lamp that he might study his lessons. The keeper was a kind and benevolent man and, seeing the need, gave a jar of oil to all who asked.

One night the lamp went out and the sea was tumultuous and dark. But, he had not replenished his supply of oil in his concern for the welfare of his visitors. During the stormy night, three giant sea vessels crashed upon the rocky coast and were lost.

The man was removed from duty because he had been given one all important task, important above all else. But, because of his desire to help what to him seemed important at the time, he caused others to be lost.

Today, churches are turning from the proclamation of the pure gospel of Christ to a social gospel. Humanitarian works are important but not as important as the salvation of souls. Bodies are important, but souls are more so (Lu 12:4-5, Mt 16:24-26, Ac 6:1-4).

A watered-down sermonette is not gospel preaching. We need straight preaching, punctuated by scripture and motivated out of a love of the lost, a love for God, a loyalty to Christ, and a fear of Hell.

– Dudley R. Spears (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

Recently overheard in a store: *"I didn't say it was your fault. I said I'm going to blame you."* This eye-opening statement has clarified some things for me.



For example, I now realize that blame is not always about fixing the problem. If we would objectively evaluate the many difficulties of life, we could go far in making the necessary corrections and minimizing the problems. But, that's not generally what blame is designed to do.

Blame is most often about pride – the sinful, protect-myself-at-all-cost kind of pride. It seldom concerns itself with right or wrong. It is much more focused on the preservation of our 'ethos' – our 'persona'. Just ask Adam – or Eve.

The 'blame game' has been around a long time, and it gets a lot of press from the pulpit. So, don't blame me if you still struggle with it. Think about it.