

Preaching and Science

Do not worry about science. It has its legitimate field, and in its field it has done wonderful things. We reap its benefits and are glad. The average preacher knows little about science, and the average scientist knows less about the Bible.

The claim that science and the Bible do not agree should disturb no one. What is called "science" is not static. Each generation brings new light; most of the old theories have been exploded by scientists themselves. Yet, each generation of scientists boldly announces that science has disproved the Bible.

But it can as easily be proved that science has disproved itself. With all their dogmatism about the Bible and science, there are few theories that real scientists are willing to take their stand on and say: "Here is the ultimate truth; no future discoveries will contradict this." So long as they cannot afford to affirm that they have arrived at ultimate truth, how can they with honor say that science disproves the Bible?

Besides if the Bible fully agreed with the scientific theories of one age, it would not agree with theories of the next age. The Bible is unchangeable and cannot keep up agreement with that which constantly changes.

Some of the foremost scientists recognize the limitations of science and are firm believers in the Bible. Preach the word! No known truth contradicts the Bible.

- by R. L. Whiteside

Use It or Lose It

This expression is often heard in regard to physical exercise, when the idea is being promoted that muscles have to be used in order to insure greater use of them in the future. To fail to do so, will tend to slowly lead to muscular atrophy, a loss of what strength you presently have. But the same principle applies to things spiritual as well.

In Mark 4:24-25, Jesus says, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." When it comes to hearing God's word, understanding it and then applying it, God warns in so many words, "use it or lose it."

We all have some ability to get to know God and His will. We all have opportunities to fulfil the desires of our heart religiously, but if we neglect to use them, we may end up losing even that which we have. Conversely, the more we put into seeking after God, the more we will get out of it and the more we will be equipped for future success.

Ecclesiastes 12 warns mankind to remember the Creator in the days of youth, before the evil days come and there is no interest. We go through changes in our lives, and some not for the better. One such change may be a degenerating interest in spiritual concerns. Don't let this happen to you. Use it, so you don't lose it.

- by Whit Sasser

You Finish the Story

There was once a congregation in which every member was just like you.

Each one cooperated and supported every phase of the work just like you.

Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services and gospel meetings that you did.

The elders, deacons and preacher were all as interested in the church as you are.

Everyone put the same emphasis on recreation, business and other material affairs that you do.

Each member contributed monetarily just like you do.
Within a year or so, the congregation.....

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Be Careful!

Some people are just naturally careful. When they ride a bicycle, they put on a helmet. When they go out on a boat, they wear a lifejacket. When using power tools, they make sure to wear safety glasses. Not everyone does these things, but careful people do — and there's a clear value in such caution. It's not about fear or worry; it's about recognizing that good preparation and wise precaution can prevent serious harm.

This same principle applies in spiritual matters. God's Word often reminds us to "walk circumspectly" (Ephesians 5:15), meaning to walk carefully — with attention and purpose. We live in a world full of spiritual dangers, and careless choices can have eternal consequences.

We must be careful about the decisions we make: where we go, who we associate with, and the kind of entertainment we engage in. A casual visit to the wrong place, lingering friendships that pull us from truth, or media that dulls our conscience - these can erode our faith like unseen cracks in a foundation. Proverbs 4:23 instructs, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." True caution guards the soul.

Just as the careful person wears a helmet to protect his head, we must "take the helmet of salvation" and guard our souls with diligence (Ephesians 6:17). Carefulness is not optional for those who seek to please God — it is essential. Make it your goal to live with spiritual caution, following God's Word closely, avoiding sin's dangers, and keeping our hearts safely anchored in His truth. In every part of life, **be careful!**

- ***by Greg Gwin***