

Monday, July 6, 2015 - "Let Me Tell You What to Think..."

The continual downward spiral in the morals of American society has been accompanied by the minority in this country becoming more vocal. The typical insult from the non-religious crowd is to refer to believers as "ignorant," "stupid," "brainwashed," or to otherwise suggest that those who have faith are less intelligent than those who do not. In addition, they feel free to "educate" Christians how society has changed and we should be ashamed for having such an archaic mindset.

When a Christian stands up intelligently for his faith, the terms change to "bigot," "extremist," "hateful," "mean spirited," or "a zealot." The important thing to remember is that no one, no matter how persuasive, can force anyone to believe anything he doesn't want to believe. No matter what the evidence, no matter what the argument, people will believe what they want to believe (Luke 12:54-56). Conviction is not a Christian's job. The Holy Spirit convicts people through the Word of God (John 14:16-17), and they choose whether or not to believe. What we can do is present ourselves in a way that is as Christ-like as possible. It is sad that there are many atheists who have read the entire Bible looking for ammunition against Christians, and that there are many Christians who have hardly read the Bible at all.

It is a certainty that no one from the world has any advice that can be of use or assistance to Christians as we navigate this world. How do I know?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.