

Intelligent Yet Ignorant (Luke 12:54-59)

Jesus Confronts the Lack of Knowledge Concerning the Times

⁵⁴ Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.

⁵⁵ "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.

1. Jesus acknowledges the people's _____

a. They predicted the weather with _____

b. They predicted the weather with _____

⁵⁶ "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"

2. Jesus rebukes the people's _____

a. They _____ at discerning the skies and earth

b. They _____ to discern the time

⁵⁷ "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?"

3. Jesus removes the ability for reasonable _____

a. They could say, "We do not know enough about Scripture."

b. They were pointed towards their conscience

⁵⁸ "When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him,

4. Jesus advises the people to settle _____

a. They should do it _____

b. They should do it to the best of their ability

lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ "I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

5. Jesus warns the people that matters will _____ if not dealt with

a. They will experience _____ consequences

b. They will experience _____ consequences

Takeaways

We are reminded that we should be _____ of the times that we are in, as the multitude was to be discerning of the time that they were in.

As we work to understand _____ truths from God's Word, let us not overlook the _____ truths.

We are reminded that there is great value in resolving conflicts _____ and to the _____ of our abilities.

Many times our regrets from conflicts can be summed up by the realizations, "I should have resolved it _____" and "I should have worked _____ at resolving it more efficiently."