

## “I DON’T BUY THAT!”

A friend recently explained how she heard the Bible preached on a point of truth years ago and rejected it at the time, finding out later by experience that it was correct. How sad it is that skepticism and unbelief so often stops the acceptance of God’s Word! Many do not heed the exhortation: **“Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear Jehovah, and depart from evil”** (Pro. 3:5-6).

It is true that many more are now studying to show themselves approved unto God (2 Tim. 2:15). But many who do study and learn fail to follow the Lord and they reject the teaching! They fail to **“buy the truth, and sell it not”** (Pro. 23:23). These rather say, “I don’t buy that,” when the truth is offered in the marketplace. A few evident instances are:

1. *The Bible says:* **“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it”** (Pro. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4). But some say, “I don’t buy that!”

2. *The Bible says:* **“Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable...that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work”** (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3). But one says. “I think the Holy Spirit guides me in addition to the word, so I don’t buy that!”

3. *The Bible says:* **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”** (Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16). But many exclaim, “I don’t buy that!”

4. *The Bible says:* **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest...revelings (or dancing) ...they that do such**

**things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”** (Gal. 5:19-21). But says one, “I don’t buy that!”

5. *The Bible says:* **“And he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church”** (Eph. 1:22). But say some, “the Pope is head of the church” or “if the elders say it is all right for women to pray in public assemblies, it doesn’t matter what the Bible says...I don’t buy that!”

6. *The Bible says:* **“In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel...”** (1 Tim. 2:9). But several say, “I will dress like I please and I don’t buy that!”

7. *The Bible says:* **“I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto them...shall take away from the words.. .God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city”** (Rev. 22:18-19). But when it is pointed out that the “New Translations” are grossly guilty of false teaching and fatal doctrinal error and should be opposed, one retorts, “I don’t buy that!”

8. *The Bible says:* **“Enter ye in by the narrow gate. . .For narrow is the gate, and strait the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it”** (Matt. 7:13-14). When the Way is shown to be Christ (Jn. 14:6) or the church of Christ (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41,47), some object, “I think if a man is honest, any way he chooses should be fellowshipped, so I don’t buy that!”

9. *The Bible says:* **“Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them ...Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from even, brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us”** (Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess.

3:6). But alas, some fail to make a distinction between a weak brother and a false one and say, “I don’t buy that!”

10. *The Bible says:* **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...”** (2 Tim. 4:1-5). But say some modern preachers, “You can’t stay very long and do that: I had rather entertain with fables... I don’t buy that!”

11. *The Bible says:* **“And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery”** (Matt. 19:9). “Oh,” say some, “I know what it says, but I don’t buy that!”

The sad part of all these things is that simply because we don’t **“buy the truth.”** it does not make our souls above meeting the Author of the Word in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10-11). Jesus said, **“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day”** (Jn. 12:48).

The urgent appeal to **“Buy the truth, and sell it not”** needs to be accepted by all while time and opportunity continue. It is our prayer that the readers of this investigation will decide in the affirmative for the Lord to be first in their lives in order that they may enjoy the blessings of heaven (Matt. 6:33). Jesus tenderly asks, **“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say”** (Luke 6:46)?

**Gary Colley** from *Eastside Edifier*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

John and Barbara James, 09-21;  
Ken and Diana Greer, 09-23.

## **BIRTHDAY**

Melissa Cole, 09-20.

## **ILL**

**Sunday:** Dave Parish, Gary Cole (PM). **Wednesday:** Janice Carter, Gary Cole, Leah Thrasher. Elizabeth Ray is in the hospital and Clara Scott's nephew is ill at this time. David Cole will have chemo-therapy.

**Those battling cancer:** Jamal Abyad, Diane Cannon, Ledgia Campbell and Ron Wood. Please remember these in your prayers, as well as: Janice Carter, Lynda Cole, Meredith Greer, Millie Robertson, Allen Scott, and Ralph and Helen Franklin.

## **HOME BOUND**

Bob Adams is in Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## **OUT OF TOWN**

Myron Nebergall was away on Wednesday night. Tom Tucker will be leaving September 22 for a two month stay in North Carolina and New Jersey.

## **POT LUCK DINNER**

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held on September 24 to coincide with our Gospel Meeting.

## **LADIES CLASS**

The ladies will host the lunch for Randy Mabe who will speak at the class during our meeting. Contact Julia for lunch details. The Ladies Class will resume on October 4.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Sunday AM, 59; Sunday PM, 44; Wednesday PM, 44.

## **Those To Serve**

September 17, 2006

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Cole**

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas**  
**SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson**  
**OPENING PRAYER ..... John Dodson**  
**PRESIDE..... Ken Greer**  
**ASSIST.....David Parish**  
**ASSIST.....Allen Scott**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Myron Nebergall**

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER ..... Jeff Nemechek**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... John Cody Carter**  
**LORD'S SUPPER..... Ken Greer**

### **WEDNESDAY 20th**

**SONG LEADER..... Jeff Nemechek**  
**INVITATION ..... Joel Nelson**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### **Wednesday**

Ladies Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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