

Fighting The Good Fight of Faith –

Part 3a: Enemies of Faith: Dealing With Ignorance and Arrogance

Pro. 13:13

Ignorance

Have you ever been guilty of ignoring God?

- ❖ I want to point out that the ignorance we are referring to today is not lacking worldly knowledge.
See Acts 4:13
- ❖ Sometimes our churches cultivate an environment for ignorance to flourish
 - Are we guilty of telling people what we think they can handle instead of telling them what the Lord has told us to tell them?
 - Jer. 26:2 - gāra': A primitive root; to scrape off; by implication to shave, remove, lessen or withhold: - abate, clip, (di-) minish, do (take) away, keep back, restrain, make small, withdraw. Strong's Concordance
 - Deu. 4:2; Deu. 12:32; Pro. 30:6; Acts 20:27; 2 Cor. 2:17; 2C or. 4:2; Rev. 22:19
 - Are we guilty of telling people what we think they want to hear instead of telling them what the Lord has told us to tell them? 1 Cor. 2:4; 2 Tim. 4:3
 - Those who God called to be watchmen are so self consumed that they aren't leading the people properly Isa. 56:9-12 (MSG)
 - Are we guilty of celebrating evil and discouraging truth and righteousness? Pro. 29:2; Psa. 24:4; 2 John 1:4; **Pro. 17:15**
 - Those who are teaching others are not under teaching themselves – Mat. 15:14; Jos. 1:16-18, Joshua 3
- ❖ Tell-tale signs of ignorance
 - You can not be corrected – Pro. 12:1; Prov. 17:10
 - You know it all – Prov. 28:26; Pro. 12:15
 - You speak before you have knowledge – Pro. 18:2 (MSG); Pro. 18:7
 - You fight God and His Word – 1 Sam. 8:7; Acts 3:14-17
 - You establish your own way and try to indoctrinate others – Romans 10:1-3;
 - Inability to war in the spirit against the enemy – 2 Cor. 2:11;
 - Expecting God to overlook what His Word calls sin – Acts 17:30
- ❖ Root causes of ignorance:
 - In the unsaved, the blindness of their heart – Eph. 4:18
 - In believers,
 - Lack of devotion and fellowship with God – Phil. 3:10
 - Lack of study – 2 Tim. 2:15
 - Lack of prayer – 1 Cor. 2:9-10