

SEEMS RIGHT; BUT, WRONG!

(Prov. 14:12)

"12 There is a way which seemeth right unto man; But the end thereof are the ways of death," Prov. 14:12. It has never been left to man to determine what is right and what is wrong. Jer. 10:23 said: *"23 O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps."* Man is not able to direct his **"own steps"** – that resides within the authority of God. Even though, there are those who think they can direct their own steps, **God declares you cannot!** *"12 There is a way which seemeth right unto man; But the end thereof are the ways of death,"* Prov. 14:12. **This is an positive statement from God!**

I remember a statement in Matt. 15:7-9: *"7 Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people honoreth me with their lips; But their heart is far from me, 9 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men,"* The doctrines and precepts of men will not be acceptable in the eyes of God. **TO SOME MEN IT MAY SEEM RIGHT; BUT, IN REALITY IT IS WRONG,** Prov. 14:12.

Again, *"21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? 22 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity,"* Matt. 7:21-23. These folks were religious, they did many mighty works; but, they were wrong; because, they went the way of **man** instead of the way of **God**. **TO SOME MEN IT MAY SEEM RIGHT; BUT, IN REALITY IT IS WRONG,** Prov. 14:12.

Another stern warning is found in II Jno. 9-11: *"9 Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greetings: 11 for he that giveth him greetings partaketh in his evil works."* In this passage, what is not the teaching of Christ is said to be **"evil works!"** **TO SOME MEN IT MAY SEEM RIGHT; BUT, IN REALITY IT IS WRONG,** Prov. 14:12.

Gal:1-6-9, is giving us the same message: *"6 I marvel that you are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel: 7 which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. 9 As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema,"* Gal. 1:6-9. One can only preach the gospel, for him to be in favor with God. **TO SOME MEN IT MAY SEEM RIGHT; BUT, IN REALITY IT IS WRONG,** Prov. 14:12.

How many passages must be produced for a person to draw the conclusion that one can only teach the gospel of Christ, to be pleasing to God, Christ and the Holy Spirit? **You cannot obey the doctrines of men and be accepted of God, as faithful.** Anything less than **obedience to his word** will not produce salvation! **TO SOME MEN IT MAY SEEM RIGHT; BUT, IN REALITY IT IS WRONG,** Prov. 14:12.

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