

Question Night - August, 2008
www.cvillechurch.com

Introduction: Do you fear to answer Bible questions?

- A. No one should in pride seek to display their knowledge to be seen by men!
 - 1. It is possible to have knowledge by not have a right kind of heart. **(1 Cor 8:1-3)**
 - 2. Knowledge is not all there is to serving God. **(1 Tim 2:4; 2 Tim 3:7)**
- B. We as Christians should welcome Bible questions and Bible answers.
 - 1. What if you do not know? You will study and find the answer! **(Mt 4:4)**
 - 2. What if I find something that contradicts my beliefs? Repent and teach others! **(1 Jn 2:5)**
 - 3. Some fear questions because they are sensitive about certain Bible subjects. **(Gal 1:10)**
 - 4. Question night is designed to promote further study and discussion. Please be patient as you seek to see for yourself what the Bible teaches.

I. What does the Bible teach about singing groups? Can we sing spiritual songs for entertainment?

- A. What does the Bible teach about singing?
 - 1. The singing of the Bible is for a specific purpose. **(Eph 5:19; Col 3:16)**
 - a. We "speak", "teach" and "exhort" one another. This involves the teaching of God for each of us. **(Eph 5:18, Col 3:15)**
 - b. When we are with other Christians we are to sing to each other! When you see "one another" passages in the Bible you are seeing a "reciprocal pronoun" which indicates participation of everyone.
 - c. We also are to sing to God from our hearts. We must mean the words we sing! **(Eph 5:19)**
 - d. When you take all God has said on this subject this is all God has authorized. How will we glorify God? **(Col 3:17; Eph 5:20)**
 - e. If there is a group of Christians who sing to one another from the heart for the worship of God, then their actions are scriptural. Every Christian present should have an opportunity to sing.
 - 2. There are some who have a worldly approach to our worship.
 - a. This should not be taken as a "blanket charge" for all who participate in these groups.
 - b. Some have a desire to hear the best voices. Why? What does God seek? **(Jn 4:23-24)** (Ex. Some groups are putting microphones on their best singers)
 - c. Others think that these groups are a good way of bringing in people to hear the gospel. Again, why do we sing?
 - 3. Singing groups are being used in many churches to prepare Christians to accept false teaching.
 - a. This alone would not make singing groups wrong.
 - b. Some groups use their voices to make instrumental sounds. This is an attempt to prepare brethren to accept instrumental music in worship.
 - c. Singing groups are being used to promote an "inter-denominational

fellowship."

II. How do you harmonize the teachings of 1 Timothy 5 with Acts 2 and 4? Specifically, were Christians required to sell all they had in the book of Acts? Also why were widows limited to age 60 in order to receive support in 1 Timothy 5?

A. Christians were not required to sell all they had. Look at what the passages say.

1. They sold possessions and goods. It does not say they sold all they had!

(Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35)

2. It does reveal a great commitment! They even sold houses and land. They did this because of the great need of the moment, not because of a command.

(Acts 5:1-4)

3. In giving we may choose to go beyond what is required by God and give even more!

4. What does God require? **(1 Cor 16:1-2)**

B. 1 Timothy 5 and Acts 2 are dealing with two different situations.

1. In 1 Timothy 5 the key phrase to examine is "being taken into the number."

(1 Tim 5:9)

a. "Let a widow be put on the list" - NASV

b. "be enrolled as a widow" - ASV

c. "be put on the list of widows" - NIV

katalego {kat-al-eg'-o} α from 2596 and 3004 (in its orig. meaning);; v α AV - take into the number 1; 1 α 1) to lay down, to lie down 2) to narrate at length, recount, set forth 3) to set down in a list or register, to enroll 3a) of soldiers ..

2. This is dealing with a permanent care until death! The care in Acts and 1+2 Corinthians was temporary.

3. There are principles that apply to both situations. One's family should help before the church is called on!

III. What is the difference in the word for Children in the qualification of elders and the qualification of a widow indeed?

A. There are no differences in these passages. **(1 Tim 3:4, 12; 1 Tim 5:10; Titus 1:6)**

1. It is from the Greek word "teknon" and means children (in a plural form).

B. An Elder must have faithful children. (1 Tim 3:4-5; Titus 1:6)

1. In this case God has explained to us why He gave this qualification: "for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?"

2. An elder must have a family and within that family have faithful children.

a. What does it mean to be "faithful?" 1) trusty, faithful 1a) of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties. 2) in the NT one who trusts in God's promises.

b. We should conclude that this would involve believing children.

(Titus 1:6 NASB) "namely, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion."

c. Should a man be disqualified for what a child does when he leave home?

3. May an elder be qualified having only one child?

1. Yes, the plural is often used to include the singular. **(1 Tim 5:4, 10;**

Mk 10:29; Gen 21:7; Acts 2:38-39)

2. Let us be careful about reasoning in additional qualifications.