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Dear brethren:

Two of the most encouraging observations we can witness in a student is respect for the authority of the Scriptures, and the desire to know what God has revealed to man in His written revelation. A young married lady, with whom we have been studying only a short time, recently sent a message to our daughter Tasha, a translated excerpt of which I have quoted below. I hope you find it as encouraging as I have.

Dear Tasha,

Good evening! ... Tonight one of my Christian friends invited me to study Bible, but I discovered that they are all chasing after speaking in tongues and seeing visions. In the midst of all this, I was suddenly perplexed. In my heart, by my way of thinking, I feel we should be listening to God's Word in the Bible, asking God to reveal and let us know [truth], giving us wisdom to ponder the way of truth.

But I am beginning to gradually see that in Christianity there are many groups, each with their own ways, making me feel perplexed. I don't know to which one God wants me to go, and what, after all, God wants us to do. I feel greatly surprised because my faith has just begun, but I see in Christianity so many groups, their ways, even their perception of how to interpret the Bible, and their ways of explaining it, are vastly different.

But I feel in my heart that Gene's leading us in Bible Study, focusing on God's Word, is what God wants us to do.

I thank God for His leading me to know Ying-Ling, because Ying-Ling led me to know Gene, and kind Tasha

Several aspects of her thinking are apparent in her above message. She is not impressed by the sensational, emotionally charged actions of these people. At this point, she is most likely not able to identify the practices mentioned as being biblically unsound, yet rightly feels that "we should be listening to God's Word in the Bible." This is biblical (Acts 17:11). The objective Word has an attraction for her that is not possessed by these subjective displays that are highly emotional, sensational performances. She sees a direct correlation between the "listening to God's Word" and "asking God to reveal what he wants us to know." She recognizes the need to ask God to give us "wisdom to ponder the way of truth."

And ask we may through prayer (James 1:5). She prefers to slowly contemplate the way of truth, i.e., to not proceed with undue haste, but with deliberation.

Notice how perplexed she becomes as her eyes are opened to the denominational scene. Dissension resulting from teachings contrary to the Bible is an assault by Satan to weaken and destroy belief. As long as she cleaves to the Word, she will weather this challenge to her faith. For faith comes by hearing the Word (Romans 10:17). Denominationalism, with all of its errors conflicting and contradicting each other and the Bible, is not inconsequential (John 17:20-21). It can, and often does, result in unbelief. We are not to tolerate false teachers. Quite the contrary: "Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them" (Romans 16:17). Acceptance of false doctrines and those who teach such is not indicative of maturity nor spiritual magnanimity. It is a formula for the destruction of the identity of the church and one's own soul. Pray for her Bible studies to continue.

As for her mention of me, I am merely doing what any preacher is obligated to do--"speaking the utterances of God," without addition, subtraction, or distortion (1 Peter 4:11). Our Lord, and you who support me, expect nothing less. The greatness is in the message, not the messenger.

Your servant in Christ,

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