

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1315: Is My Christian Judgment Tainted by Bias? (Part I)

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1. What is our working definition of “bias”? Rephrase this in your own words. God has favorites – why isn’t that being biased? (2 Chronicles 19:4-7, 1 Peter 1:17-19)
2. How do we know if Jesus is biased? How was the assumption of bias used to try to trap Jesus? How did bias affect the view of the Pharisees regarding Jesus? (John 5:30, Matthew 22:15-22, John 11:45-53)
3. Self-protecting bias:
 - a. What might cause it? What is the danger this bias can bring? (Proverbs 16:25)
 - b. Calming and correcting self-protecting bias: What takes the edge off habitual bias? (Proverbs 16:16, James 1:5-8)
4. Blocked listening bias from our personal expectations:
 - a. What might cause it? (Proverbs 16:18, Acts 7:57)
 - b. Calming and correcting this bias: What breaks bias? (2 Kings 5:13-15, James 1:18-20)
5. Building walls instead of bridges bias:
 - a. What caused massive issues in the early church? Describe the background of the two sides of the debate: How can something founded in truth be a bias? (Acts 15:1-2, Genesis 17:9-14, Leviticus 12:2-3)
 - b. What did God do to illuminate the path for Jews to come to Christianity? What was the Apostle Peter’s bias? How did God prepare him to go to the Gentiles? (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, Luke 2:0-32, Acts 10:11-16)
 - c. The Law and circumcision were replaced by what in the Christian era? (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 2:28-29)
6. Calming and correcting the building walls instead of bridges bias:
 - a. What was the situation when Paul and Barnabas went to the Jerusalem Council? (Acts 15:1-6)
 - b. What is an essential key to breaking a wall-building bias? How does Peter argue against the need for the Gentiles to follow the Law and circumcision? (Acts 15:7-12)
 - c. Defend or dispute the statement that Peter and Paul were lowering the standards of the Law by not insisting the Gentiles practice the Law.
 - d. How did this situation resolve? (Acts 15:22-23)
7. Describe the Apostle Paul’s beautiful summary of the unifying of the early church in your own words. Why do you find this account is inspiring? Expand on this. (Ephesians 2:11-16)
8. Explain how you can accomplish the goals in 2 Timothy 2:14-15:
 - a. How do you think you can weather disputes and hurt within the fellowship of brethren?
 - b. Do you search to find your own hidden biases, breaking them down and building bridges to unify your brethren?
 - c. How can you be more diligent in your walk with the Lord?
9. What is necessary for you to be a “doer” of the word? (James 1:22-24)