

# WORDS OF WISDOM.

## Chapter Five.

One area that can pollute our wisdom is when we misunderstand a message or teaching. A very good example of this is how the following can be interpreted. **“A woman without her man is nothing.”** Depending on where you insert punctuation marks a different message is given. Eg: **“A woman, without her man, is nothing.”** However, if you insert the punctuation marks elsewhere you get a completely different message. **“A woman: without her, man is nothing.”** So, you can easily see how interpretation can affect our thinking thus wisdom. Just for the record I agree with the second “version”.

This misunderstanding issue has had dramatic consequences in the realm of biblical understanding. It is the belief of this author that the Christian Church has greatly misunderstood or chosen to misrepresent the wisdom of HaShem, as given to us via the Torah. The writings of Sha’ul/Paul have been badly misunderstood and he has been badly misrepresented, therefore his messages have missed their mark.

Paul wrote words of wisdom to Timothy, whom he called a beloved son.

*<sup>15</sup> Make every effort to present yourself before God as tried and true, as an unashamed worker cutting a straight path with the word of truth. 2Timothy 2:15 [TLV]*

Before writing this sentence Sha’ul shared with Timothy some of the challenges that he had experienced.

*<sup>8</sup> Remember Yeshua the Messiah, raised from the dead, from the seed of David—according to my Good News. <sup>9</sup> For this I suffer hardship as a criminal, even to the point of chains—though the word of God is not chained.*

*<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the chosen, so they might obtain the salvation that is in Messiah Yeshua with eternal glory.*

*<sup>11</sup> Trustworthy is the saying:*

*If we died with Him,  
we will also live with Him;*

*<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with Him;*

*if we deny Him, He will also deny us;  
13 if we are faithless, He remains faithful,  
for He cannot deny Himself.*

*14 Remind them of these things and solemnly charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which is useless—to the ruin of those who are listening.  
15 Make every effort to present yourself before God as tried and true, as an unashamed worker cutting a straight path with the word of truth. 16 But avoid godless chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness 17 and their words will spread like cancer. Among them are Hymeneaus and Philetus— 18 men who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place. They are overturning the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” - and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord keep away from unrighteousness.” 2Timothy 2:8-19 [TLV]*

It can be very difficult in trying to bring words of wisdom to an audience, especially if that audience is set on having a different “world view”. What we do know is that if a lie is told often enough with conviction, then that lie becomes a “truth” in the minds of many. In other words, perception becomes reality. When this takes place then it becomes even more difficult to bring words of wisdom to that audience.

Sha’ul makes this very point when he says that the message of Hymeneaus and Philetus will spread like cancer and cause the truth of Godliness to be lost among many. Sha’ul also encourages Timothy with the fact that HaShem knows who are His and we can rest in that fact. None the less I want to focus on the importance of knowing the “mind” of HaShem in bringing words of wisdom. Sha’ul makes it known that one must be prepared to be diligent and persistent in studying the Torah. If one studies Torah and applies its instructions then one can expect severe opposition in many quarters, even in the “House of HaShem”. Most will accept you as an individual applying Torah to your life, but the opposition comes if you dare to promote it as a way of life for others to follow. We at JSI regularly experience the opposition in suggesting that the Torah is for all the Children of Israel to embrace and follow. Many Christians reject this position as legalist and against the teachings of Yeshua and Paul. The fact is, nothing could be further from the truth. So, we witness a lie that has been told over and over with conviction, become a truth in Christian minds. This has happened because as mentioned earlier either people were not diligent enough in studying the Torah or they deliberately looked for ways to twist scripture. I suspect both were at play.

There is something else that comes into play which Sha'ul mentioned. That is shame. When you find yourself "swimming against the tide", those that oppose you, often try to shame you into submission. Once again take one of my "favourite" topics "Santa Clause". I have witnessed many times Christians trying to shame those who are bold enough to speak out against the lie of Christmas and Santa Clause. Children are used as the excuse to justify this outrageous lie. It is a tactic that works. People are silenced because they feel ashamed of denying children the so-called joy of Christmas. In fact, if you are bold enough to speak out against Christmas you will most likely be labelled an evil doer and suffer alienation. If ever there was an example of a Godless message spreading like wild fire, this is it. Is celebrating Christmas denying Yeshua? It is a question worth asking! As we know Yeshua was NOT born on December 25<sup>th</sup> or close to it. Santa Clause has replaced Yeshua as the preeminent gift giver, so it is not a "good look", no matter which way you view it.

It is only true Godly counsel that will bring words of wisdom, changing lives for the better. Leaders in our societies are in desperate need of good counsel, as they turn further and further away from the Torah and the teachings of HaMoshiach Yeshua. Our world has strayed so far from Godly counsel, that you can now be in danger of becoming incarcerated for sharing or speaking the "Word" of HaShem. Not only are Islamic countries locking up and murdering biblical believers, but our Western countries seem to be endorsing this evil and thereby heading down the same route. Therefore, this author believes it is vital for both "Houses" of Israel to be united, because we need to be united to withstand the onslaught that is surely coming at some stage. When this onslaught increases, I do not know or propose to know, but I suspect it is coming and it could be sooner rather than later. Sha'ul says:

*<sup>23</sup> But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they produce quarrels. 2Timothy 2:23 [TLV]*

It surely is a time to avoid foolish and ignorant disputes that do indeed produce damaging quarrels. This doesn't mean we cease discussion or retreat from our positions, but we need to be mature about our held positions. A meek approach does not mean a weak approach. The Master Himself was called meek, but He was never weak.

All the Children of Israel have much work to do. All the Children of Israel are called by HaShem to participate in this work in various capacities. However, be sure you carry out your work through applying “Words of Wisdom” from the Master Himself via the application of Torah. Wisdom without Torah is as false as Christmas and Santa Clause.

May the grace, love and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!