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You Make a Difference!

If one deals not only with the face value of an issue but the body also, one will find Christ in the solution.

“Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

PROVERBS 3:3-6 (KJV)

Face Value. People often take things at “face value.” Sometimes taking things at “face value” works, but it is good, better, and best to apply wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to your situations. The mystery of how to do that is to follow: **Proverb 3:6; “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”** Translated this means, “Along the path of Life that God has given you (a gift that is free), tell Him (confession) about everything (submission) going on in your life and He will make it right (will allow the Righteousness of Christ upon the situation).” Face value means according to Webster: apparent value; the value stated on the face of a bond, coin, or note.

I was speaking to an unwed couple who has a child. (Remember, this was the Virgin Mary’s situation.) By their conversation, they seemed to be seeking support of their relationship and their situation from adults in their lives. Conversation led to how the guy wasn’t happy with the treatment his girlfriend was receiving from the step dad. Their conversation was

heating up around the step-dad's treatment when the focus of their conversation had been their relationship.

To help get them back on track and to grow their understanding, I let them know that in life, it is important not to take everything and most things at face value. This is why. News, radio, television gives us information or what we believe are facts and we take them at "face value" as if they are true. We get filled with emotion about it only to find out that what we believed at "face value" because we heard it or saw it or read it from a source which we believed to be truthful – but the "it" really was not true.

We won't talk about WMD (weapons of mass destruction) but let's talk about the 10% Ethanol at USA gasoline filling stations as the price of gas rises at the pumps. Or talk about being told not to keep plastic water bottles because of bacteria. What they are not telling you is to place them in the freezer to stop bacteria. And they are not telling you that the water bottling industry loses money from people re-using (re-filling) their water bottles; because people pay for water bottles just as much for the conveniences as for the water in the bottles.

Most of the things we deal with, we deal with at face value... we believe it as truth (this depends on from whom or from what source it comes). To avoid the "face value" spiritual trap use the Holy Spirit—and the way to do that is follow **Proverb 3:6**.

Imagine a "face" – this "face" represents the thing, person, or situation we deal with at face value. Imagine that face has a body. That face and body has a history together that neither you nor I can see unless you or I are or have been a part of that history (history of the body in question). You see the young lady had a history with the step dad that the young man (her boyfriend) may have hear about, but was truly *only* a part of the "face" value. He could only see and interact with the face—he could only see what he as allowed to see or hear about (the body) but up to this point was never integrated with or interfaced with the "body." All he could see and interact with was and is the "face."

In our dealings with one another, remember there is a body behind the face of a situation. Deal with the body of an issue and not only the face

and you will find the solutions you seek. Take nothing at face value but Christ.

JESUS' WORDS AT FACE VALUE



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