**"As I Understand the Bible,**

Introduction to the Lessons

**the Best Christian Would..."**

**A series of lesson studied in the adult class at Wyldewood Baptist Church**

**Pastor Randy King**

This series of lessons is designed to improve critical thinking and to encourage Bible study for the growing Christian. The topics and situations that are discussed are often complex and difficult to discern, yet so are the real life problems we face. Sincere Christians, - and sometimes even pastors - often differ in their response to these problems and issues. This is understandable because of several factors:

\*We often have different levels of Christian maturity.

\*We usually have differing levels of Bible knowledge.

\*We come from diverse upbringing and church backgrounds.

\*We each have different personal experiences that color our responses.

\*We sometimes have varying amounts of information upon which to base our counsel or advice.

**These lessons look into the Bible to find Godly solutions to sticky ethical, personal, and theological questions. The world uses "situation ethics" and "relativism" and "humanistic thinking" to decide how to respond. But God-fearing Christians have the Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit to guide them into making wise choices and giving wise counsel. (Col 4:6) Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (John 16:13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.**

**It is important to recognize that we are not trying to violate the admonition given in 2 Timothy to avoid foolish questions. (2 Tim 2:23) But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing they do gender strifes. The purpose of this lesson series is to enhance critical thinking skills and to learn to think Biblically. We are trying to keep the Christians from saying foolish things that would bring reproach on Jesus Christ. We don’t ever want to give God a “black eye” by giving “ten-cent answers to million dollar questions” but neither do we want to hesitate from proclaiming God’s clear truth.**

PLEASE NOTE: **No lesson in this series refers to a specific individual or situation. They are general in content whenever possible. The examples given are a compilation and result of much pastoral experience, and as such reflect many things that are common occurrences. Any similarity between these lessons and specific real-life situations is purely coincidental.**

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Sample Lesson

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\*Different levels of Christian maturity

\*Different levels of Bible knowledge

\*Different church backgrounds

\*Different personal experiences

\*Varying amounts of information upon which to base counsel or advice

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**LESSON #7**

**SITUATION:** When Fred started his car wash business, he dedicated it to God. God honored him for his honesty, ethics and diligence and the business flourished. Not only did Fred tithe on the profits from the business, he gave the preacher free car washes every week. He wanted to be a blessing to his fellow church members, so he hired several of them to work for him. Over the course of two years, three of these brothers in the Lord (Dave, Tom, & Stanley), advanced to the position of Supervisor. Their pay was about $18,000 per year plus insurance and they were content with their wages. One day, however, Stanley got caught in the "Super Whirler." His wrist was broken, his neck was twisted, and his ribs were cracked. He required over $70,000 worth of medical treatment, and his medical insurance refused to pay because the accident was work related. When Stanley told Fred that he needed to make a claim on his Workman's Compensation insurance, Fred got very embarrassed. He had never paid into Workman's Compensation, and there was no liability insurance to cover the loss. He then confided in Stanley that business was not what it used to be, he only had a small savings, and that if he was forced to pay the bill out of his pocket, he would have to declare bankruptcy and sell the car wash. If that happened, several church members would lose their jobs and Fred's wife would be so embarrassed she would quit the church. What should Stanley do, sue?

**WHAT PROBLEMS DO YOU SEE FOR THE CHRISTIANS?**

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**WHAT POSSIBLE RESPONSES COULD A PERSON HAVE?**

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**WHAT DETAILED INFORMATION DO I NEED TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION?**

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**WHAT BIBLE COMMANDS, EXAMPLES, OR PRINCIPLES APPLY IN THIS SITUATION?**

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**AS I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE, THE BEST CHRISTIAN WOULD...**

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