Learn It.....Do It.....Teach It

There is a passage in the Old Testament which uniquely sums up what God wants from those who would be his people. These words are found in Ezra 7:10:

“For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching it is Israel.”

Note three key words in this verse: study, observance, and teaching. Ezra’s goal was to learn what God wanted, practice it in his own life, and then teach others what he had learned.

This is exactly what God wants today. No one can please God unless he makes it a point to find out what God wants! There is only one way to do this: read the Bible. Many depend upon the teachings of men which, sadly, often contain dangerously misleading information.

Knowing God’s will---important as this is---is not enough to please God unless a person obeys God’s instructions. Many know what is right, but fail to exercise the self-discipline which is necessary to live in compliance with God’s instructions.

For those who learn the commands of the Lord and dedicate themselves to their observance, there is one more step to be taken. God has one plan for his kingdom to spread: it is for his people to tell others what God wants.

Jesus’ purpose in coming to the earth was to “seek and save the lost”. He expects his people to “have the mind of Christ” and to “walk in his steps”. May all who read or hear this resolve to learn God’s will, obey it, and do our best to teach it to others.