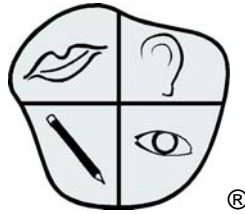


#19 Subjects: I saw the YouTube videos and I get it, but ... ?

Can reason replace the need to trust God?

We are His "Custody!"



From: [Jennifer](#)

To: [Sharon Madsen](#)

Sent: Monday, September 07, 2009 9:27 PM

Subject: Saw the YouTube videos. I get it, but...

Hi there, dearest Sharon:

I just watched you on YouTube! WOW, you rock dear Sharon! I saw Christ more than English ... but then that is the truth. I have so much to discuss, questions, comments, curiosities, wonders ... this was so grand. I love the Hebrews quote on the end. It is about Christ and Christ alone.

I get it BUT ... what about the **parents who are** only home-educating for one year and their child is getting fabulous Madsen Method 'stuff'. Then he goes back to government education and does not know what a noun, verb, adjective, etc. is, but he must fit in. I know that we need to trust the Lord but sometimes circumstances arise and we must put our precious kids back into the trenches and follow government standards. Are they less behind because Madsen Method (or any other method) did not teach that for that grade level? Will they be able to achieve to a higher grade? Yes, I KNOW that we can't measure standards by the world but sometimes I am asked the question of how to integrate a child from public school to Madsen Method and back to public school. When you have a government body telling us what "normal" or "grade level" is and it does not align itself with Madsen Method, then what?

Anyhow, I must retreat to bed with hubby and arise early to begin my day with the Lord. I am wiped. I love you grandly. Thank you FOR YOU!!

From: [Sharon Madsen](#)

To: [Jennifer](#)

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 2:02 PM

Subject: Saw the YouTube videos. I get it, but...

Dearest Jennifer,

As always, that God gives you a heart to help others is evident, and I love your heart! And I am pleased that you love and approve of me...that you recognize the Truth of God working in me!

If you'll permit it, I'd like to discuss the IFFY concerns you listed and say that I believe no one is allowed by God to ask another to look into a crystal ball and foresee or predict or advise about the **future, which belongs to God alone. I am in a minority for believing this, I know, yet I believe it.**

Who is qualified to advise like this: "See, if you reason this way, it will replace all needs you may have to trust God?!" Or, for that matter, who **would dare** give **this omnipotent** advice?

Can we "**analyze through fickle human logic**" our way into trusting God for the unseeable, the unknowable, even for the present moment? Alternatively, does His Word give us Faith that "holds us to the course" in all our ways and through all our times, which are in His Hands? Faith does not need to know the future; Faith knows God Almighty! Whatever our hands find to do, we do it as unto the Lord, giving thanks to Him, and we TRUST, not with all our might, but with His Might working in us. This is a Way of Life for us. Circumstance does not alter it. "**Planning ahead**" is a worldly term with a worldly meaning; we should not try to **Christianize its meaning in an effort to legitimize it. We should examine by the Spirit through the Word the compatibility/lack of compatibility between the terms "planning ahead" and "trust."**

Also, our moment-to-moment convictions do not rest on what may or may not occur. They rest on the forever Truth of God and the Power of His Spirit. AMEN!!!! How exciting to **trust God in all things!** That's the work He does in us; His Spirit makes us strong in Christ's Strength, strength that is as strong as whatever it took to raise Christ from the dead!

Do we believe He is trustworthy? The Spirit testifies that He is! Let's go with Spirit-generated "Faith" and not with "fear of the present or future." Who would suppose a potential scenario that puts God to the test AND ALSO SUPPOSE HE WILL FAIL THE TEST?! In our flesh, we do abandon Faith at times (we all do that); without the Spirit, the norm **for our flesh is anxiety for everything** and not learning to **be anxious for nothing.**

History **consistently shows some take** to themselves authority to dictate to others, and they **employ** words of worldly wisdom, words evil in intent, words that deny God and His revealed Truth. We're in no worse "state of affairs" than humanity has already experienced. And in every case, men have had a choice to trust God or trust "the arm of flesh."

I'm for trusting God!! The answer to our lives lies in Him, not in ourselves or the ploys of others or Satan's evil devices. Our salvation is of God!

Look at these words and phrases you described others pose to you as problems:

go back to government education
we must fit in
circumstances arise
we must follow government standards
integrate a child from public school to Madsen Method back to public school
I know we can't measure standards by the world...but

And, I point out the awful falseness contained in these words: **If it (government education) does not align itself up with Madsen Method...then what?**

Align with the Madsen Method? Alignment must be with **God's Revealed Truth!** This is why I ever and always, perhaps to excess if that is possible, encourage and ask;

"Are you reading the Word of God? Do you have an apron pocket that will hold a small Testament so you can have the Word available to you at all times? Can you put before your heart verses while you stir spaghetti? What reason will you give for not keeping your heart in His Truth? You must enter into His Word because out of it comes Truth for all the issues of life! In it we find answers...GOD'S ANSWERS. ***'It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words I have spoken to you are spirit and life (and) Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'.'***" John 6:62; 68

Precious Jennifer, ***you are letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*** Out of HIS WELLSPRING OF LIFE - HIS WORDS - ***you are attaining to His gentleness and wisdom, the Spirit's Supply for answering those who oppose themselves; He is exposing His Truth through you!***

You are His workmanship! Moreover, you who are His "custody," is a blessing to me, who also is His "custody." Look at the synonyms for ***custody***. (:>)

Love in Christ,

A. Sharon

P.S. Thanks to Sherry Frattini for editing ***Letters to Teachers***, thereby improving my understanding of the inseparable oral/written English Grammar partnership.

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