

“Follow the Directions”

Rom. 1:21, 24, 26, 28

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I'll never forget the time I got a new fax machine for my study. In typical Crawford fashion, I said, “This looks like a piece of cake. I don't need to read these detailed directions.” Wrong! It wasn't as simple as it looked. In fact, quite a while later I was still fumbling with this fax machine. Then I had a brilliant idea. I said, “Crawford, why don't you go back and reconsider your decision? Read those directions and follow the steps.” As I followed the directions, I put it together and figured it out.

Some of us are frustrated and fumbling through life because we refuse to read and submit to God's directions. Well, there's a warning. We're on dangerous ground when we continue to ignore God's truth.

Listen to these very sobering words from the pen of the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 1 as he outlines the consequences of rejection. He says in verse 21; “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Verse 24; “Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,” Verse 26; “For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions,” Verse 28; “And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.”

The expression “God gave them up” means because they were bent on rejecting God's truth, God stood out of the way and allowed them to experience the consequences of rejection and disobedience.

Here's what I want you to remember today. We need to read the warning and choose. Will we submit to and follow the instructions, or tell God, “No, I'll do it my way. I prefer the consequences.”?