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Tuesday Bible Study

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The PILGRIM'S Progress

Qualities of a Mature Church

Conversation with Discretion

1. Porter: Well, I will **call out one of the virgins** of this place, who will, if she likes your talk, bring you into the rest of the family, according to the rules of the house.
– 2 Cor. 11:1-2/Rev. 14:4-5/Soso 1:3/Ps. 45:14/Is. 7:14
2. So Watchful, the Porter rang a bell, at the sound of which came out at the door of the house, a **grave and beautiful** damsel, named *Discretion*, and asked why she was called.
– Prov. 1:4; 2:10-11; 3:21; 5:2 – (1-9) Context Wisdom – Prov. 14:1a; 24:3- 4/Col. 2:1-3/
1 Cor. 1:30
3. a. *Discerning* Christian b. Avoid *Damage* to the Kingdom by carelessly approving of wicked people to be declared members of his Church – “Daniel 16:2/Titus 2:5/Mark 12:34
4. The porter answered, This man is on a journey from the City of Destruction to Mount Zion, but being weary and benighted, he asked me if he might lodge here tonight;
5. So I told him I would call for you, who, after discourse had with him, may do as seems good to you, even according to the law of the house. – 1 Thess. 5:21/1 John 4:1-2
6. **Then she asked him where** he came from and where he was going to, and he told her.
– 1 John 1:7-9/ Rom. 5:12/Heb. 9:27
7. **She asked him also how** he got into the way; and he told her. – Rom. 10:13-17
8. **Then she asked him what** he had seen and met with in the way; and he told her.
– 1 John 4:2-3; 1:1-2/2 Cor. 4:6-7

9. *And last she asked his name*; – Rom. 10:13/2 Cor. 5:17
10. So, he said, It is Christian, and I have so much the more a desire to lodge here tonight, because, by what I perceive, this place was built by the Lord of the hill for *the relief* and *security* of pilgrims. “Strengthened” – Acts 9:11-20 Equipped – Eph. 6:10-18
11. So, she smiled, but the water stood in her eyes; and after a little pause, she said, I will call forth two or three more of the family. – 2 Pet. 1:1/2 Thess. 2:13-14
12. So, she ran to the door, and called out Prudence, Piety, and Charity, who, after a little more discourse with him, had him into the family; – 1 Tim. 5:9-25
13. And many of them, meeting him at the threshold of the house, said, *Come in, you blessed of the Lord, Déjà vu?*
14. This house was built by the Lord of the hill, on purpose to entertain such pilgrims in. Then he bowed his head and followed them into the house. – Rom. 14:1; 15:5-7