

Questioning

"Pastor, I have so many questions about my spirituality and about God. Is this doubt and unbelief? And if so, what can I do about it?" You should never confuse healthy curiosity with doubt. Curiosity has its own reason for existing, and that is, to assist us in discovering the truth. Albert Einstein said, *"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."* This is definitely good advice! When we stop questioning we cease walking down the path to discovery. There are too many Christians who are afraid to question in case it causes them to doubt God, but this is a ploy of the devil. God wants us to learn and remain teachable. Therefore, He must desire for us to be curious and seek answers to any questions that will arise along our spiritual journey.

Proverbs 14:6 says, ***"A scoffer seeks Wisdom in vain for his very attitude blinds and deafens him to it, but knowledge is easy to him who [being teachable] understands"*** (AMP).

In Ezekiel 29:32 the Lord declares, ***"So the house of Israel shall know, understand, and realise beyond all question that I am the Lord their God from that day forward."*** Notice that God acknowledges human reasoning and questioning. He recognises and accepts our human condition but points out that everything discovered will serve to confirm His sovereign position as Master of the universe. If you genuinely seek the truth it will lead you toward a greater revelation of how "almighty" God is! Problems only arise when your questioning is based on other people's opinions and negative influences.

Philippians 2:14 says, ***"Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining against God, and questioning and doubting among yourselves"*** (AMP). Every question you ask concerning God should lead you to a place of peace. This way you will know that the Holy Spirit has helped you to find the truth. Colossians 3:15 confirms this, ***"And let the peace from Christ rule in your hearts (deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds); this is the peaceful state to which as members of one body you were also called to live."***

Remember this... There will be questions that only God can answer.

Therefore, you may need to approach Him in faith and expect to can get an answer direct. The question Christians ask most is, "Why isn't God answering my prayers even though I live for Him?" This is a question many wrestle with. It only seems fair that if we are living for God, He will be inclined to give us what we ask for. But God does not always operate that way. We cannot think that God owes us anything for what we do. Matthew 5:45 says, ***"He causes His sun to rise on the wicked and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."*** God gives gifts to all people, regardless of their righteous deeds. And all good things are from God (James 1:17).

Therefore, keep being curious and remain teachable; knowing that God will answer all your questions, and as a result, only good will come out of it! You are the apple of His eye, so why expect anything less?