



## Destructive Desire #7 – Human Wisdom

- \_\_\_\_\_ have tremendous influence over our lives.
- **Notice the influence that the teachers of the Law had over Israel (v. 52).**
  - By their teaching, what should have been clear became obscure.
  - By their teaching, people who might have entered into true knowledge of God's Word were hindered.
- Those we choose as teachers us will influence us immensely (Luke 6:40).
- \_\_\_\_\_ is always the standard, not any given teacher of it (Acts 17:11).
- **Being a teacher, especially a teacher of God's Word, is an awesome responsibility (James 3:1).**
  - If a man is not horrified at the thought of preaching false doctrine, or leading people astray, then he probably shouldn't be preaching at all.
- **Human wisdom strives to seem \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23:7).**
- The "know-it-all" is the one person that most everybody hates yet most everybody wants to be.
- Most people would rather give instruction than receive it.
- v. 52 – "You yourselves have not entered..."

- In essence, Jesus is telling them, “You don’t even know what you are supposed to know.”
- Even though the “key to knowledge” was missing from their interpretations, they went on demanding them anyway.

**-- Human wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word in order to suit sinful desires (Mark 7:8-9).**

- Too often, we want to impose our own ideas upon Scripture rather than receiving what God has revealed.
- Too often, we come to God’s Word looking to support what we already want rather than wanting what it actually reveals.

### **What to Want (Part 7) – God’s Revealed Word**

**-- The interpretive key to God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:25-27).**

- In the Old Testament, Jesus is pointed to, prefigured, and predicted. In the Gospels He is revealed. In Acts, He is preached. In the epistles, He is explained. And in Revelation, He is expected.
- Don’t be deceived by those who try to make Scripture sound mystical or encrypted.

**-- The consequences of looking at Scripture and not seeing \_\_\_\_\_ are devastating (v. 52).**

- Because they loved the praise of people, the teachers of the Law and Pharisees took away the key to salvation and buried it beneath a mountain of man-made rules and regulations.
- Not only had these religious leaders taken the Messiah out of their interpretations, they were set in their hearts to take Him out of the world by hatred and violence.

**-- The blessings of finding Christ in Scripture are immensely and eternally \_\_\_\_\_.**

-- Luke 24:31-34, Philippians 3:8-11, Jeremiah 9:24

-- We don't know anything that matters unless we know God and His truth.

-- We cannot understand God's truth unless we see Christ in it.

-- Thus, the one who is blessed is the one who searches for Christ in the Scriptures, for He is the key to all knowledge worth knowing.